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WEEKENDER PEOPLE

MUSIC teacher Steve Curtis moved to Crewkerne due to his work and has fallen completely in love with the town.

Born in Sussex, he came to this area in 1999 as head of music and housemaster at Perrott Hill School and bought a house in Crewkerne the following year.

He had an interest in music from the age of four when he learned the recorder and his first teacher inspired him to want to do the same for others. After a brief spell as a headteacher, he is now the head of music at the Park School in Yeovil and has a regular slot on the hospital Radio Camelot.

He plays clarinet, saxophone and piano and enjoys playing crumb horn, recorder and drums in an early music group. He also sings in the choir at St Bartholomew's Church.

Keen to spread the joy of music to all, he has organised a free "come-along-and-sing" day at the church on Saturday, November 16th from 10am to 5.30pm. He has chosen Handel's coronation "Zadok the Priest", Michael Hurd's cantata "Swinging Samson" and Vivaldi's "Gloria". Classical music which he felt more familiar to all, due to its use in advertising.

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WHAT do you enjoy most about teaching?
Identifying and developing a talent. I believe everyone has a talent in music, it just has to be discovered and brought out. It is my job to give them the confidence to explore that talent. If a child can't learn the way you teach, you have to change the way you teach, it's like taking the A30 or the backroads, either way you get to the same place in the end.

WHEN did you join Radio Camelot?
In 2000 when I moved in to Crewkerne, it was something I had always wanted to do and my mum had just died. I phoned the station and just asked. People think it's going to be like Radio one but you have to remember the average age is 56 and they are all sick so an hour of Iron Maiden isn't going to go down too well.

WHAT do you like about hospital radio?
It is more personal, you go to people's bedside and find out what they want to listen to, while you're there you might have a little chat and help them fill out their menu card or our them a glass of water. I should be really thin all the walking I do but the coffee and cakes are too good.

WHAT is special about Crewkerne to you?
I love the people, they are really friendly, the number of people who acknowledge you in the street, even if you don't know them. The shops are great and the countryside is great for walks; I love going up behind the railway line and the coast is only half an hour away.

WHY did you decide to do a community song?
Two years ago I organised one and we did Joseph in a day but because of copyright it had to be just by word of mouth. About 45 people came and sang and 40 came to watch, since then I have been asked several times and this time there is no problem with advertising it.

DO you like to sing yourself?
I fee privileged to sing in St Bartholomew's church choir which is one of the few robed choirs still in existence. We sing an anthem every week in communion and psalms every week. There are 18 of us when we are all there, I like the tradition of it once something dies it rarely re-starts, it needs someone with vision and commitment to keep something going.

WHICH is your favourite musical piece?
I like Oliver, it was the first production I ever did at 17, at the time the local theatre group needed a conductor and asked me. I would love to conduct Mozart's Requiem, the whole thing, not just parts, it always speaks to me and makes me feel very humble.

DO you have any ambitions for the future?
I would love to od a production in a week for Crewkerne, there must be people out there who would like to do that as a community event, just for fun. I'd love for parents to go up in their attics and bring out their instruments and play them for a day. Life gets more serious as we get older, I'd like to take them back to childhood when things were just done for fun.

WHO would you most like to meet?
John Rutter, I love his music and would like to tell him in person how it influences me and talks to me. He writes music for the thinking people. Or Mozart, I'd like to find out about the kind of person he was and whether writing music was so easy for him, if it was all in his head.

WHAT would you have on your deserted island?
A CD player, a shower and a supply of custard creams. At the end of a concerts I usually give all my pupils a packets of custard creams because of their commitment, it is a gift they remember because it is different and fun, life is fun.

DO you have any other interests?
M father and grandfather both worked for British Rail and I think it's in the blood, I put my anorak on most half terms and when I have time I will volunteer on the West Somerset Railway and drive a train, be a guard or push a trolley.

DO you like to travel?
I have been a few places including USA and Australia but I think the UK is very underrated and criticised unfairly. There is so much heritage and things I want to tick off my list. I went to Ironbridge a couple of years ago, I remembered being taught about it at school. My mother said she

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Police warning after spate of bike thefts

By Marion Draper

POLICE are warning cyclists to be aware of thieves and to take more stringent security measures after seven expensive road bikes were stolen last weekend in Martock.

Five bikes, a Cervelo worth £5,000 and a Pinarello worth £4,000 were taken from an outbuilding in East Street overnight on Saturday or Sunday, October 19th and 20th. A chain saw, a jet washer and various power and electrical tools were also stolen.

That night, another two sheds were broken into at another property in East Street. A specialised bike and power and garden tools were taken.

Also in East Street that night, a detached garden studio was burgled and valuable model train sets and toys were stolen.

Another Pinarello bike worth more £1,000 was stolen from a garage at a house in Old Market during Friday or Saturday night.

Police believe the burglaries are linked and that the thieves knew what they were looking for. They are appealing for anyone who heard or saw anything suspicious overnight to contact them with information on 101.

Neighbourhood sergeant Rob Jameson said: "These thieves must have used a lorry or a van, so we are particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have seen a vehicle like that in the area.

"They have stolen expensive tools as well as the valuable, distinctive and specialist road bikes, and we would like to hear from anyone who may be offered them for sale at a knock-down price."

Another three bikes were stolen from a shed in Flaxfield Drive, Crewkerne, overnight on Saturday. They were a Cannondale and two Carrera bikes. Two toy scooters and a selection tools were also taken.

Horse tack and tools were stolen from a shed in Langmead Place, Crewkerne, that night and there was an attempted burglary from two sheds in Memorial Avenue, Crewkerne, on Sunday night.

The burglaries in Crewkerne not believed to be connected with those in Martock.

Police are advising all homeowners to make sure their property is locked and secured.

Bike security advice is available on the website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk under the "Crime Prevention" heading.

Simple steps include using a good quality lock, registering your bike for free by visiting the national property database www.immobilise.com, insuring your bike and using electronic tagging or property marking products. Always inform the police immediately if your bike is stolen.

A30 tree removal deemed 'necessary'

WITH work finally underway on the long-awaited key development site on land east of Crewkerne, which will eventually include a link road, some local residents have expressed concern at the removal of a large swathe of mature trees and hedgerow along the A30 embankment.

Although the majority of the mature growth around the site will be protected, the work to cut down the trees along the A30 was deemed necessary.

After several years of negotiation by Taylor Wimpy Homes with the various councils and environment agencies over the development of the green land, permission was finally granted with conditions last month, to begin the first phase of the major housing project.

The first phase, which will include 203 dwellings and open space for recreation, underwent a great deal of scrutiny by the relevant agencies to ensure the protection of the wildlife habitat. This is set out in detail within the planning application and includes extensive landscaping and ecological planting and new balancing ponds.

The phase one area occupies approximately 5.5Ha, previously managed as a series of pastoral fields divided by mature boundary hedgerows. The A30 passes directly north of the site and there is a difference in level of some six metres between the road and the site.

A landscape and ecological management strategy (LEMS) was devised by South Somerset District Council. EAD ecological consultants and The Richards Partnership were commissioned by Taylor Wimpy Homes to produce a landscape and ecological plan (LEMP) which covers the pre-construction phase up to first ten years of post construction.

The objectives were derived from landscape, ecological and arboricultural surveys of the site, as detailed in the overarching LEMS. Key features of value identified included mature existing woodland/hedgerow along the top of the A30 embankment.

The ecology summary states: "The area... does not lie within or immediately adjacent to a designated site of nature conservation value.

"Habitats comprised primarily of arable fields bounded by lines of mature trees and species-rich hedgerows. All hedgerows were considered to be 'important' under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 (as amended)."

On the image of the phase one landscape strategy, however, the length of hedgerow which has now been cleared is marked as "vegetation removed for visibility splay and additional planting provided to the top of retaining structure". This is the length of bank which will be either side of the main ramped access to the site from the A30 crossing point, which will include a cycleway.

Retained hedgerows will be carefully managed under a two year rotational scheme and new hedgerows will be planted within the development.

The full design plan can be viewed on the district council website.

Cemetery closed for tree works

THE Crewkerne and West Crewkerne Burial Committee is advising the public that Townsend Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Crewkerne, will be closed on Monday, October 28th and Tuesday 29th to enable essential tree work to be carried out at the entrance.

A monkey puzzle tree next to the lodge has been declared dangerous and must be taken down.

Tree work is also scheduled for later in the week in other areas of the cemetery, which may prevent access to those areas. You are advised to check with the office on 01460 74001 if you are planning to visit next week.

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■ MAYORAL VISIT: Children from Chard School with Mayor Jenny Kenton and macebearer Mark Hambrey

Mayor visits Chard School

ON Monday, October 14th, Chard School pupils enjoyed a visit from the mayor of the town, Councillor Jenny Kenton, and her macebearer Mark Hambrey.

The visit was well received by children aged four to 11 at Chard School, who took great interest in learning about the mayor and macebearer's roles and the significance and purpose of their regalia and robes.

Following the informative and interesting talks from Councilor Kenton and Mr Hambrey, the children were able to look more closely at the mayor's chain and hold the mace.

GOT A STORY FOR THE WEEKENDER?
Contact Marion Draper on 07771 641 506 or email marionsview@aol.com

■ THE Sunday Bingo Club organisers in Chard, who also run a monthly Saturday bingo open to all, presented two cheques from funds raised at their sessions. The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Flying Colours Appeal for Yeovil Women's Hospital both received £500. Pictured are right are: Clive Garner, Sandra Stoodley, Dawn Ellis, Sally Sullivan and Jenny Simons of the Sunday Bingo Club, Roy Milliner of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, and Carol Ward on behalf of the Flying Colours Appeal.

Celebrate the seasons at Forde Abbey

FORDE Abbey in Chard is celebrating the changing seasons with special events.

An "Amazing Autumn Colour Week" is currently underway at the abbey and will continue until Thursday, October 31st. The abbey is encouraging people to visit and take a walk through the grounds to see the changing colours of the trees.

Highlights will include acer rubrum, tulip and turkey oak trees, as well as lime trees which line the driveway, the herbaceous border around the Long Pond and giant marrows in the walled vegetable garden, plus England's tallest fountain which turns on three times a day weather permitting.

The gardens are open from 10am with last admission at 4.30pm, Tuesdays to Fridays and Sundays. The gift shop and plant centre will also be open and dogs on leads are welcome.

The abbey will be celebrating the festive season fron Novmeber 1st to December 8th with a Christmas shopping experience.

The gift shop will be decorated for Christmas and full of gifts , including new collections of toiletrie, crafts, artistic products, toys and books. Visitors will also be able to enjoy lunch at the Under Croft Tearoom and visit the gardens. End of season plant sales will also be held from November 1st to 3rd and 7th to 10th.

Amateur photographers are encouraged to visit during this period to take advantage of the photogenic surroundings and submit pictures for the popular annual Forde Abbey Photography Competition. Winter images are especially welcome. For £100 worth of products from the shop it's well worth trying your hand.

Even once the shop and tearoom close, the gardens remain open all winter from 10am with last admission at 4.30pm, operating just a £5 charge with an honesty box system.

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Two VAT updates for autumn 2013 that small businesses shouldn't ignore from Somerset Chartered Accountant Robert Stone

VAT charges on storage facilities | How to correct VAT errors | VAT on sale/purchase of a business

HM REVENUE and Custom's heavily criticised "name and shame" initiative, where the UK tax authority has published the names and photographs of people who are being pursued for alleged VAT fraud, as well as tax evasion and money laundering, is a sobering reminder of how seriously the government is taking tax avoidance across the UK, including the South West, warned Somerset Chartered Accountant Robert Stone.

"Chancellor George Osborne has said that tax fraud and evasion are illegal and will not be tolerated, so it is vital that even small businesses who think they fall beneath HMRC's radar, should stay on the ball when it comes to new changes in VAT and tax," said Robert Stone, who is a VAT expert. "There have been a number of recent local cases where HMRC have prosecuted successfully, including an accountant from Cardiff who has been jailed for VAT fraud."

In his 2013 Autumn tax update, Somerset Chartered Accountant Robert Stone has highlighted three areas of VAT that small businesses should be aware of: VAT on Storage Change, VAT errors and VAT on the sale or purchase of a business.

VAT errors and how to correct them

If you discover that you have made an error in your VAT records, but haven't yet sent in your VAT return, you can correct this by simply amending your records. If you have already sent in your return before you discover the error, and the net value of any errors is below £10,000, you can make an adjustment on your next return. Larger businesses can do this for errors of between £10,000 and £50,000, providing the amount is less than 1% of the output VAT in the period in which it is discovered.

If the error is over £10,000, or for larger businesses, exceeds the 1% limit, you must notify HMRC of your error correction by completing and sending in form VAT 652, which can be downloaded from the HMRC website.

The time limit for correcting errors is four years.

If you do not correct errors and HMRC discover them, they may charge you interest on any extra VAT that you owe and may also charge a penalty.

Sale or Purchase of a business - Transfer of a business as a going concern (TOGC)

Although there have been no changes to the VAT rules for the sale or purchase of a business, because it is such a rare event for most businesses, it is easily overlooked and can lead to major problems, as the amounts of money involved are often large.

Normally if a business sells some of its assets, VAT has to be charged. However if a business is sold as a going concern (Transfer of a business as a going concern), then VAT must not be charged. There is no "one size fits all" approach for the sale or purchase of a business - each one should be considered individually. The rules can get complicated and if you are involved in buying or selling part or all of a business you should seek advice.

It is extremely important to establish from the beginning, whether the sale of a business is or isn't a TOGC, as the rules governing TOGC are compulsory and you can't choose to opt out. Mistakes can result in penalties and or interest being charged.

Robert Stone is available to discuss any aspects of these and other VAT topics in more detail. Telephone Robert on: 01460 55661 or email him: robert@robert-stone.co.uk. Alternatively visit www.robert-stone.co.uk

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Chard Royal Naval Association marks Trafalgar Day wtih dinner and service

■ **MARKING HISTORY: Lesley Pond GP, Commodore David Pond RN (retired) and Roy Lovell (secretary Chard RNA)** ***Photo by MIKE KIRKLAND RNA***

WITH Trafalgar Day having just passed, it was a busy weekend for Chard Royal Naval Association as they celebrated their annual remembrance to Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson.

The customary Trafalgar night dinner took place at Hornsbury Mill on Saturday, October 19th and was supported by 29 members of the branch. The guest speaker was Commodore David Pond RN (retired), a Chard man who attended Holyrood School before going to Loughborough University to study sports and then joined the Royal Navy.

Commodore Pond gave an interesting, informative and entertaining speech about women on board naval ships from the time of Admiral Lord Nelson to present day. His wife, a former Surgeon Lieutenant Commander, also attending the function, had been one of the first females to serve aboard a Royal Naval ship.

A presentation was made to Commodore Pond of a Pusser's Rum hip flask and a bouquet of flowers to his wife, Dr Lesley Pond GP, for their attendance at the important naval occasion.

Commodore Pond said he holds Chard and its RNA in high esteem and always likes to revisit whenever he can.

Sunday, October 20th saw members of Chard RNA attending a Trafalgar Church service at St Thomas' Church at Cricket St Thomas. Ex-Royal Naval Submariner, Canon John Simpson, officiated the service, whose sermon covered the building of HMS Victory, facts about its crew and the God-fearing mind of Admiral Lord Nelson during the battle of Trafalgar.

Mrs Edna Noble, a member of Chard RNA and wife of the President, Mr Jim Noble, played the organ to assist in the service.

Business booming at Pop-Up Chard

By Marion Draper

BUSINESS is booming at the Pop-Up Chard shop in the Longfellow Gallery, Holyrood Street, which South Somerset District Council has deemed a great success with the addition of a new tenant setting up shop within the premises.

Nicola Griggs of FascinatiNG will now benefit from space within Pop-Up Chard. The shop allows people to try out their bright ideas in a retail environment, without a long-term financial commitment, for up to three months. The Chard Town Team, led by Garry Shortland, oversee the day to day running of the shop.

Nicola's hand-made tiaras, hairbands and fascinators are created to enhance a bridal or formal occasion outfit and use the best products she can source,

Starting out in costume millinery for the stage following training in a Costume Manufacturing Diploma in Australia, she returned to the UK two years ago and took millinery courses in the Cotswolds

Kevin Wood, a Chard taxi firm founder and local inventor, who took the very first Pop-Up tenancy, has already taken a retail unit in Holyrood Street and is trading there whilst still benefiting from the Pop-Up professional business development advice. He has offered to demonstrate to new tenants how a Pop-Up lease can lead to the creation of a business trading on the high street.

Two of the original tenants who were using the Pop-Up Chard shop have just finished their planned one-month tenancies and have now left, with both businesses taking off and trading elsewhere. Both intend to return later in the 12 month project.

Commenting on her time at the shop, Katy Rowswell, founder of Forget Me Knot Creations, said: "I gained business contacts and opportunities for the future. I may not have been approached if I had not taken a tenancy in the Pop-Up shop."

Meg Whyte, founder of Cushty Chic, added: "It gave me the confidence in my products and I realise that this is something I definitely want to develop under the 'Cushty Chic' brand name. I would like to return to the Pop-Up shop next year for the summer season."

Councillor Jo Roundell Greene, district council portfolio holder for environment and economic development, said: "Providing support for start-up businesses to enable them to flourish is a vital part of the South Somerset economic strategy.

"We're very pleased to see that new businesses are moving into the premises to pitch their ideas and sell their goods to the public. We are also extremely pleased to hear that businesses that have left want to come back again. One business has already gone on to take a lease on a shop in Chard.

"We are so pleased that this initiative is working and that South Somerset District Council is helping new businesses to succeed."

If you are interested in testing your retail concept whilst benefitting from free professional business development advice and a profile on the Pop Up Britain website call Garry Shortland on 07982 591025 to book your tenancy today.

Auction of Promises raises £2,500 for school

AN Auction of Promises held in Winsham on Friday October 7th, was very successful.

Organised for Winsham School by Gill Spence a retiring chair of governors and an enthusiastic group of volunteers, it raised over £2,500 which will help improve the childrens' play area.

Auctioneer Simon Preston did a splendid job and some 65 items and promises came under the hammer.

New headteacher overwhelmed with support

By Marion Draper

THE new headteacher of Greenfylde Church of England First School in Ilminster said she has been overwhelmed with the support she has received since taking up her post in September.

Originally from Blackpool, Claire Oaten had visited Ilminster all her life and, when she saw the headteacher's job advertised, she jumped at the chance to make the move.

With a grandmother from Ilton, a great-uncle who had been the head of Ilminster Secondary Modern, and a great-aunt who ran a private nursery in North Street, Claire had visited many times and always loved the town.

Now she almost can't believe her luck to be the headteacher of a school right in the heart of the community - a position she really treasures.

The daughter of a teacher, she trained first as an economist and master of philosophy in regional and educational economics but, having been into school with her mother many times, she realised that was where her heart lay and took her postgraduate certificate in education and became part of the government fast-track scheme for management.

Claire has been teaching now for 13 years and this is her third headship. She said it was ironic that she had trained in maths, as this was the only subject she had never taughtm but as the job of a modern headteacher includes finance, human resources and building management, her skills have not been wasted.

There were big boots to fill at Greenfylde, following such a popular and well-established headteacher, John Jeffery, but Claire commented: "It is actually easier to take on a school that is in such a good condition, I want to keep all that works well but you can't stand still and must build on that success, and yes, the country dancing will be continuing, John gave me strict instructions about that, as well as the choir, although I sing like a bad amateur.

"This is a lovely school, held in such esteem within the community, I have been offered so much support and the dedication of the staff is wonderful.

"It is the fact that the school is in the heart of Ilminster that attracted me so much and I feel it is very much a two-way street of support with the community and the church. Our children are the future community members which is why we have started taking Year 4 students to "Prayer and Bears" at the church.

"The lovely thing here is the support from the families, it is such a privilege to be entrusted with their most precious possessions. It is very much a partnership, that's why I like to be at the school gate every morning to meet them and why it is important for the children taking a lead where they can.

"We have faith leaders who read in assembly every week. I think it's important for the children to see their peers taking an active role.

"The beauty of headship is that you are not just involved with one class, but all the children. I am on a mission now to learn the names of all 330.

"We are very much looking forward to Victorian Day in the town and are having our own Victorian Day here. The children will be dressing up and singing in the Square and we will take them around to see all the decorated shop windows.

"I love Christmas and always have multiple trees at home. Mrs Jones loves it too and she has always done the trees so she will be doing one with Key Stage 1 and early years and I will be taking Key Stage 2, so more children can have hands on involvement.

"We have a great relationship with the church and Reverend Done. Volunteers come in and hear the children read.

"There is nothing like that smile from a child when you know their self esteem is there. I have introduced a star of the week assembly which parents can come to and children can share certificates they have won in school or outside of school - we have just had a lot of carnival ones.

"We have awards that are not academic, for kindness and effort; as a church school it is important that they understand morals, caring and kindness and I want them to realise it is the little things and little steps that are just as important as big academic ones.

"The Lions have just sponsored a monthly improvement shield for outstanding achievement, which we will start in November, and the Rotary Club has given us some crocus bulbs that are keeping our Eco Club busy.

" It is important that we work well with Swanmead too, so I have been meeting with Mark Walker to ensure our children have 10 years of good education. It is lovely to have three local pre-schools to work with as well.

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Good crop at apple day

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There were also a few dessert apples, so everyone could have a taste and go home with something for later.

With newly restored outbuildings, the stalls were taken under cover this year, which was timely with the stormy weather.

But the showers stayed away long enough for the children to enjoy gathering fallers from the orchard in their miniature wheelbarrows, which were then taken for pressing.

The antique mill, which had to be permanently retired, has now taken up residence in a static exhibition on the history of cider making, in a shed all of its own, alongside an educational video of the process used at Barrington.

A more modern and less-tiring ratchet press is now used by the staff, which makes a cheese of several feet squared with each pressing.

In between the mammoth effort of the large pressing, smaller equipment was brought out to demonstrate to the visitors.

■ BARROW FUN: Aimee Goodwin and Sophie Lukins collecting fallers. Left, George Broadley and Taisie Byrne enjoy Barrington Court apple day and, far left, there was a wide variety of apples on offer

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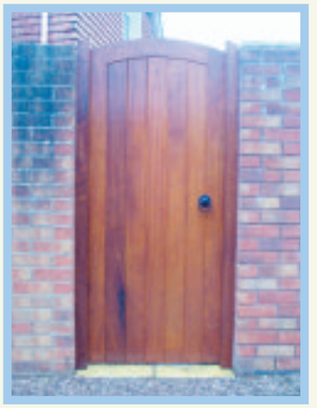

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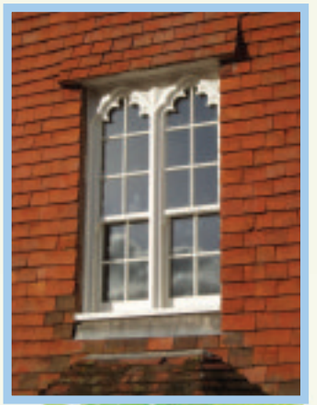

Friends of rail station always looking for more memorabilia

MEMBERS of the Friends of Crewkerne Station (FOCS) history group, recently learnt that the nameplate and crest of West Country Light Pacific steam engine 'Crewkerne' was up for auction.

It were sold to a private collector but the Friends were happy that the plate from the other side of the engine still resides in town council chamber in Crewkerne.

FOCS member Gail Coleshill said: "When the Light Pacifics were scrapped British Rail gave one of the two nameplates to the towns the engines were named after. We think it was a very generous gift and a nice touch to remember the old engines by".

The history group already have a varied collection of old photos from the railway and engines, which they will be exhibiting at the station open day on Saturday, December 7th but they would always welcome more memorabilia.

Leader of the group, Diana Crossman, said: "We are interested in hearing any railway memories from local people. We seem to be short of wartime memories but would like to hear of anything about the railways.

"I myself can remember travelling on the Martock line to Yeovil and have memories of the evacuees who came to Frome station. I am sure there must be local people with similar railway memories."

If you have any information or memories about the railway you can get in touch with Gail from FOCS on 01460 75341.

The next meeting of the Friends will be the annual general meeting in the council chamber at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

■ RAIL ENTHUSIASTS: Mike Frackiewicz, Tony Reese, Mayor Robin Pailthorpe, Chris Borland, Annabella Van Clute, Diana Crossman and Gail Coleshill. Below, the original Crewkerne steam engine

■ GIVE HUNGER THE BOOT: Ashlands School children and staff

Pupils dress as farmers for harvest celebrations

ASHLANDS Church of England First School in Crewkerne held a farming day as part of their harvest celebrations.

The whole school, including staff, came dressed as farmers to raise awareness for the charity Farm Africa's "Give Hunger the Boot" campaign.

Fancy dress, welly wanging and obstacle courses were all part of the day's activities, rounded off the next day with a whole school harvest service at St Bartholomew's Church, raising a total of £121.28.

Farm Africa is a charity which helps farmers to grow themselves out of poverty by offering expert advice to help them farm in a sustainable way and produce the maximum crops out of the type of land and conditions they are faced with.

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Crewkerne Weekly Market

New Location in Market Square

Crewkerne Town Council is taking over the running of the weekly street market in Crewkerne town centre from South Somerset District Council. The market will continue on a Wednesday morning but will now set up in Market Square at the front of the Town Hall.

The market will be relaunched on Wednesday, 30th October when Crewkerne's Town Crier David Craner will declare it officially open at 9am. There has been an excellent response to the Council's request for stallholders and already 13 have applied to attend from a wide area including Ilminster, Dorchester, Bridport and Glastonbury. These stallholders will be selling a wide range of goods including fresh fish, fruit and vegetables, herbs, plants, bread and pastries, toys and yarns. Together with the town's shops this will offer much greater choice for the shopper.

As this is the school half-term holiday the Town Council wants to create an enjoyable, carnival atmosphere for everyone to come along and enjoy. So alongside the market on the opening day there will free entertainment with face-painting, balloon magic, music and stilt walker Lizzie the Fire Lizard.

Councillor Angie Singleton said, "The Town Council has worked closely with South Somerset District Council over many months to bring about this exciting opportunity to retain the historic tradition of Crewkerne as a Somerset market town. Among the aims of the market is to increase the retail diversity of the town and to provide an enjoyable and enhanced shopping opportunity with the focus on quality. It will also attract more people into Crewkerne and encourage additional tourism to our town."

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Partnership received £341k to help region's most vulnerable

A PARTNERSHIP of local advice providers in South Somerset has secured £341,000 to deliver much needed advice to some the region's most vulnerable residents.

South Somerset Alliance is made up of South Somerset District Council, South Somerset CAB, South Somerset Voluntary & Community Action, Yarlington Housing Group, Age UK Somerset, South Somerset Mind, Yeovil College and Somerset Advice Network.

The funding will enable the agencies to recruit and train volunteers to deliver advice out in rural areas using digital technology, particularly to residents who are rurally isolated, elderly or have mental health problems.

The funding is being provided jointly by The Cabinet Office and the Big Lottery, who set up the fund to enable agencies to meet the growing demand for advice particularly with vast range of current changes to the welfare system.

Georgina Burton, chief executive of South Somerset CAB, said: "This is an exciting opportunity for our partnership to work together to make it easier for people in South Somerset to get the advice that they need."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Culture at South Somerset District Council, added: "I am delighted with the amount of funding that has been secured from the Advice Services Transition Fund for the benefit of the residents of South Somerset.

"This is a real opportunity for agencies to work together to tackle issues of rural isolation and access to advice, particularly at a time when so many welfare changes are being introduced."

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Police take action on rural crime

DOZENS of police officers and volunteers visited farms across the Mendips and South Somerset in a special rural crime day of action earlier this month.

They spoke to farmers, giving crime prevention advice and reassurance on how to protect their property, homes and livestock. Many farmers also took up the opportunity to arrange a personal crime prevention survey.

During the day, police visited 190 farms including ones around Crewkerne, Chard, Ilminster and Martock.

The event led to 30 new Farmwatch sign-ups, two intelligence reports and 25 crime reduction survey requests. For those visits where residents were not in, "Sorry we missed you" calling cards were left, which is hoped will lead to further requests for sign up or crime reduction surveys.

It was the idea of Mendip Inspector Mark Nicholson, who was surprised when he visited a farm in the summer to find property insecure and vehicles left unattended with keys in the ignition.

He said: "It just struck me that this was an open invitation to thieves. I know farms are working places, but with so much valuable equipment on site it seems common sense to encourage people to take some sensible and practical security measures."

According to the insurance company NFU Mutual, rural crime cost the UK £43million in 2012. In South Somerset over the past four months, sheep worth £65,000 have been stolen and, during the recent harvest, there were a number of reports of thousands of litres of fuel being stolen from combine harvesters left overnight in fields.

Rural crime officer PC Rowan Hawkins said: "Preventing rural crime is a massive priority for us. We are primarily a rural police force and we need to do whatever we can to cut crime in the countryside.

"Farmers need to know that we understand the long-term effect that crime can have on their business and day-to-day working environment.

"For example, having diesel stolen can severely damage your ability to get the harvest in – particularly if you only have a short window in the weather – and that can cost a farmer thousands of pounds in lost crop production.

"We want to work together with the farming community to improve links and make an impact with a combined effort. We would urge them to call 101 to report any crime, because there's been a history of under-reporting. Our catchphrase is 'shutting the gate on rural crime' and, with the farmers' help, we hope to achieve that."

Farmer David White, was a victim of rural crime; last year burglars stole expensive garden and power tools from his now alarmed and CCTV-protected barn.

He said: "It was very disturbing at the time because they seemed to know exactly what they wanted and where to find it."

He is now a member of Farmwatch with warning signs at the farm gate.

He added: "Farmwatch is really quite reassuring. We get texts and information, my farm equipment is now all security-tagged and the buildings alarmed, and the farming community is working together to help each other.

"It's good to see the police out and about on farms, to see that they are taking this seriously."

South Somerset rural crime officer PCSO Matt Tailby reported a very positive response from the 110 farms visited in the area during the day of action.

He said: "They were very keen to see us and to discuss how we could work together on rural crime. We encouraged them to report all crime to us, any suspicious incidents, even village rumours.

"Generally the message we were putting across was very well received."

Inspector Mark Nicholson said other days of action were already being planned.

Fly-tipping figures drop by 497 from last year

FLY-TIPPING figures released on Tuesday, October 15th by the government show incidents across Somerset have dropped by 497, or 8.7 per cent, from 5,687 to 5,190.

Early indications for 2013/14 are that the positive trend in fewer fly-tips throughout the county is continuing.

South Somerset's fall has carried on into the first three months of this financial year, down by 114 to 338 on the same period last year, and down by 94 on January to March 2013.

The improvements were first reported to the Somerset Waste Board four months ago in June, and follows a path previously predicted by board chairman councilor Derek Yeomans.

The fall has coincided with greater efforts to deter fly-tippers, through new equipment, warning signs and further training for district enforcement officers, backed by Somerset County Council.

South Somerset and other councils are moving to reduce the fly-tipping "supply" by urging residents and businesses to check if those removing rubbish – such as builders – have the correct waste carrier's licence.

Councillor Jo Roundell Greene, portfolio holder for environment and economic development, said: "Building on this good news, this district will continue to fight fly-tipping, with our enforcement staff leading the way in tackling this crime.

"You can play a vital role in catching flytippers by reporting reporting suspicious activity and giving evidence, as this remains a tough crime to deter or prosecute. We must ensure that our countryside is kept looking beautiful.

"One thing we can all do is to ensure our own household or business rubbish is not fly-tipped; just ask anyone taking it away – builders, gardeners and other tradespeople – for their waste carrier licence."

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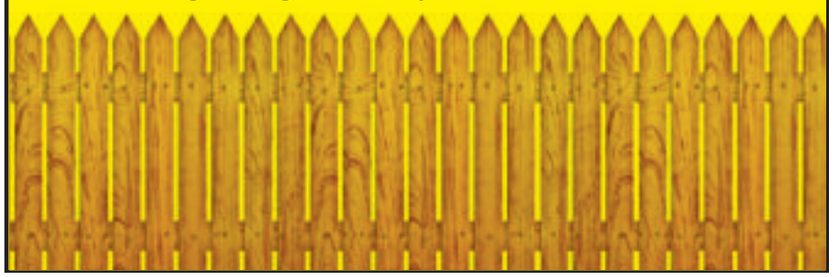

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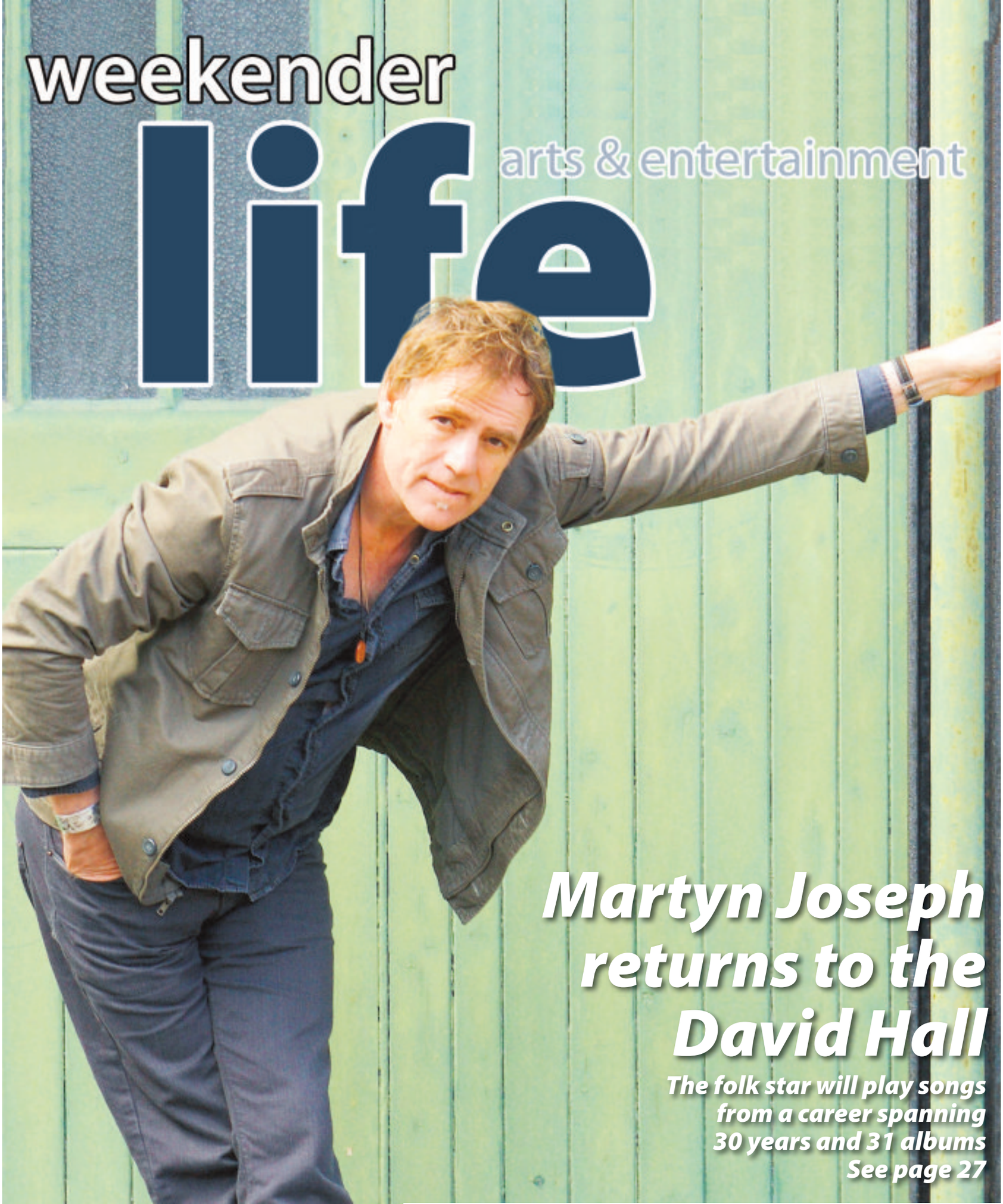

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The folk star will play songs from a career spanning 30 years and 31 albums

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Sensory Garden declared officially open by Ferne Animal Sanctuary volunteer and Mayor of Chard

THE Sensory Garden that has been 4 years in the making has been declared officially open at a ceremony that took place on Wednesday 16th October 2013.

The Sensory Garden has been created for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone both disabled and non-disabled. We hope sincerely that it will be used by community groups, schools, groups with learning difficulties or physical disabilities, and gardening groups. It is fully wheelchair accessilble, and designed to attract wildlife, including birds, butterflies, bees, dragonflies, fungi and lichen.

The Sensory Garden is interactive and encourages the use of all senses – there are things to see, touch, smell, a range of colours, light pockets, and a variety of temperatures.It has designed to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to complement and support the beauty of the Sanctuary and will be maintained almost entirely by volunteers. All of the water features are solar powered and every feature has been created with the environment in mind. There are fun instruments that create different sounds for play and learning, fragrant and tactile grasses and herbs, water features, and different pebbles on the ground to walk over for a variety of sound and feeling.

Visitors are invited to touch, smell, and make noise in this sensory garden and to enjoy it to the fullest.

Mayor of Chard, Councillor Mrs Jenny Kenton, gave a short speech as part of the opening ceremony, and Charlie Power, Volunteer at Ferne Animal Sanctuary cut the ribbon. Charlie is a Community Wessex Service user. Community Wessex is the social care service provided by the regional charity Autism Wessex is delighted with the success of service user Charlie Power as is Ferne Animal Sanctuary. Charlie is 19 and has been diagnosed with ADHD and Autism, he lives at home with his parents and younger sister near Weymouth and he also has an older sister who lives away. Charlie comes to Ferne every week without fail and works extremely hard, usually on the equine section, helping Head of Equine, Nikki Haddock. He helps to clean out the fields and stables, grooms the horses, and even does a bit of horse whispering every now and then. He always makes Nikki and the Animal Care Attendants smile with his nicknames for them, and the horses, and often sings to them all.

Jenny Wheadon, Director of Ferne Animal Sanctuary said:

"A few years ago, the Sanctuary recognised that many of the groups visiting Ferne had physical and/or learning difficulties and the therapeutic benefits of being in contact with animals was helping them enormously. We decided to create a sensory garden which would benefit all visitors but particularly those with limited mobility or senses. Everybody can now enjoy even more of the Sanctuary's grounds while visiting the animals being taken care of by our dedicated staff."

Attendees of the ceremony included: Chard Rotary Club; Chard WI; Lufton Colege; Millwater School; Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Group; Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls; Ilminster Rotary Club; Green Days Day Care

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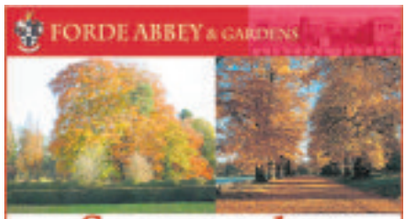
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The thought of planning the company Christmas party is, for many, an uncertain and scary prospect. This is often due to the large amount of pressure, lack of time and the stress of wanting to organise a really good night for the people you work with. Perhaps it sounds a little early to think about Christmas, but if you haven't already, now is the time to start planning it – others already have!

#1 Set the date

Christmas is a busy period and diaries fill up fast, so get something pencilled in asap. Send potential dates around the office to find the preferred date and responses will give you an indication of numbers for the event.

#2 Get the budget

The size of your budget will ultimately impact on the type of Christmas party you organise. Find out how much money you have to spend

#3 Establish The Type Of Christmas Party You're Organising

There are a variety of Christmas parties you can plan, which will depend on the location, budget, the amount of people attending and how much you wish to be involved in the planning and management of the event.

You'll need to decide whether you're planning a day event, evening event or both. Do you have the budget to accommodate husbands, wives and partners? These are the people who support your people so it's good to thank them if you can afford it – but don't compromise the quality of the party over it.

#4 Source the venue

The earlier you book the venue, the better – good venues go quickly!
Identify suitable venues that have availability, are within budget and easily accessible for guests – the internet is the best tool for this. Request a quote from each based on your requirements.

#5 Make it look pretty: Theming

The theme is the heartbeat of your event and should be integrated through all parts of the day. Choose a theme and research thoroughly. Here are a few popular ideas: traditional Christmas, vintage, 60s, 70s, 80s, quintessentially English, pantomime, circus, Chicago jazz, winter wonderland, ballroom, colours, film inspired, wild west, spy themed, Caribbean and Santa's workshop.

#6 Fill bellies: The food

Food is a key part of any party and can easily be incorporated into the theme. Don't feel like you have to stick with turkey, especially if you're planning to eat at a venue with a specialist restaurant. A traditional Christmas dinner done badly in a Dim Sum restaurant is worse than not having turkey at all. However if you think turkey is important to your group I'd suggest going somewhere or hiring in caterers that are geared up to cook and serve roast dinners and will do a good job!

#7 To Make Everybody A Little Tipsy: Order Drinks

Choose arrival drinks. Christmas favourites include Winter Pimms, Mulled Wine, Sparkling Wine, Christmas Cocktails or you could come up with a drink related to the theme.

#8 Plan to make some noise: Music

Usually dancing at the Christmas party is a must, but it depends on the type of group. Hire a DJ, musician, band or put together a Christmas playlist (have some music playing)

#9 Book Entertainment

Choose entertainment. Here are a few popular ideas: comedian, juggler, table magician, casino tables, murder mystery, funfair rides, TV show games, cocktail making or demonstration with flaring, wine tasting, caricaturist, dancers, after dinner speakers, cabaret act, stilt walkers, look-a-likes, paparazzi, stunt show, contortionists, theatre acts, circus performers, fun games (like giant scalextric, console games, air hockey, pool, jenga), impersonators, a firework show or karaoke.

#10 Organise A 'Thank you' Speech and Awards

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Inspired by their recent trip to the Big Apple; its now possible to dine out on some of the New York specials that have earned a worldwide reputation, including the classic New York chilli dog, New York sliders, pulled pork shoulder and the Juicy Lucy burger (price range £7.50 to £11.)

For those looking for a snack during the day (12 noon to 6 pm) a sandwich in a bag (tuna bagel cheese melt, ham, cream cheese and tomato and the classic BLT) can be purchased for £4.

Naughty treats' are also playing a big role, with a brand new sweets menu, packed full of retro desserts such as chocolate brownie with all the trimmings, complete with chocolate milkshake which comes in a miniature glass milk bottle with a straw; toffee apple Eton mess and peach melba knickerbocker glory.

The pub's new 'Breakfast Club' also hopes to welcome people to enjoy a full English breakfast, seven days a week, from 9am until 11.30am.

The cosy thatched pub on Church Street is known for its traditional feel, black beams and period features and has now been enhanced with new heritage colour schemes, a light, fresh and airy feel and a state of the art kitchen.

Whilst areas have been stripped out, panelled and carpeted, the traditional features such as the open fires and original beams remain in tact, giving the pub a much-needed rejuvenation and a modern twist.

The bar has been completely relocated, doubling the size of the room as you enter, and a relaxed style has been implemented with a mixture of new bespoke table and chairs for dining to comfortable zones for visitors who just want a coffee and a biscuit.

Adding to the different zones in the pub, a new 'Captains Room' is available to hire and has been created for parties, meetings and functions, with a giant specially created table set to seat twenty people; whilst you can be sure that if you're celebrating a birthday, a free bottle of bubbly will be on the table.

Quirky props such as golden clad mirrors, paddles round every corner reflecting the pub's new logo and a typewriter to hold on to the menus are also set to bring the pub alive.

The couple have always had a flair for interior design and an eye for special touches, with their company, G&T Interiors influencing much of the new design for the Harbour Inn. The company is set to have a small outlet at the pub, selling one off quirky pieces and items inspired by the couple's travels during expeditions abroad.

Owner, Gary Valentine said: "Toni and I welcome all to enjoy their visit to the Harbour at Axmouth and we look forward to showing more of the community what we have to offer.

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Ingredients

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50ml/1¾fl oz sloe gin
squeeze lemon juice
1 tsp sugar syrup (also sold as gomme syrup)
cream soda, to top up
To garnish
1 blackberry
1 sprig fresh mint

Preparation method

Fill a highball glass with ice. Pour in the gin, lemon juice and sugar syrup and stir well. Top up with cream soda.
Garnish with a blackberry and a sprig of mint. Serve.

Dark chocolate & Cranberry roulade

Ingredients

For the sponge

. 1. 1 tbsp plain flour, for dusting
. 50g self-raising flour
. 1 tsp baking powder
. 25g good-quality cocoa powder
. 50g ground almonds
. 5 large eggs
. 100g caster sugar, plus extra for turning the cake out

For the filling

. 2x 250g tubs mascarpone
. grated zest 1 orange
. 300g jar good-quality cranberry sauce

For the frosting

. 200g good-quality dark chocolate, broken into pieces
. 175g unsalted butter, softened
. 50g icing sugar, sifted

Method

1. Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Butter a large (approx 30cm x 40cm) Swiss roll tin and line the base and sides with baking parchment. Lightly butter the parchment, dust with the plain flour and tip out any excess.
2. Sift the self-raising flour, baking powder and cocoa into a bowl and mix in the ground almonds. Put the eggs and caster sugar in a large mixing bowl and beat, using an electric hand-whisk or tabletop mixer, for 5-10 mins until pale, thick and trebled in volume. The mixture should leave a trail when the beaters are lifted out.
3. Fold the dry ingredients into the egg mixture using a large metal spoon. Pour into the prepared tin, then tip the tin from side to side until it is covered in an even layer of batter and the corners are filled. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 12-15 mins or until firm to the touch. Mean while, lay a sheet of baking parchment on the work surface and sprinkle with caster sugar.
4. Allow the sponge to cool for 1 min before turning out onto the sugared paper. Peel away the backing paper and, with the short side facing you, roll the sponge away from you so that the sugary parchment is rolled inside the roulade. This will help you to fill and roll it later. Set aside until completely cold.
5. To make the filling, beat the mascarpone with the orange zest. Unroll the sponge, discard the inside paper and evenly spread the mascarpone over, leaving a finger-width border around the edges. Cover with the cranberry sauce. Using the outside baking paper to help, roll the sponge away from you as tightly as possible. Transfer to a serving platter, cover loosely and chill while you prepare the frosting.
6. For the frosting, melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of just-simmering water, or microwave on High for 2 mins, stirring halfway through. Set aside for about 10 mins until cooled, but still soft.

Meanwhile, beat the butter and icing sugar together until pale and smooth. Pour in the chocolate and stir thoroughly to combine. Set aside for 20 mins to firm up slightly before using a palette knife to cover the roulade in frosting. Mark with a fork to create a log effect. To decorate, arrange the cranberries and bay leaves along the length of the log. Dust with a little icing sugar just before serving. Cut into slices, removing cranberries and bay leaves to serve. The roulade can be made up to a day ahead. Take it out of the fridge at least 30 mins before you want to serve it, to allow the filling and icing to soften.

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Mince Pies

This crumbly, fruity mince pie recipe is a Christmas classic. Serve warm with lashings of brandy butter.

Ingredients

. 350g/12oz high quality mincemeat, preferably homemade
. 200g/7oz plain flour, sifted
. 40g/1½oz golden caster sugar
. 75g/2¾oz ground almonds
. 125g/4½oz unsalted butter, diced
. 1 large free-range egg, beaten
. milk, to glaze

Preparation method

1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube. (Or rub the butter into the dry ingredients by hand and stir in the egg.)
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in clingfilm and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured surface. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the prepared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
5. Bake the pies for 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.

Coach & Horses

Celebrate Christmas at the Newly Refurbished Coaching Inn, The Coach & Horses

IN THE heart of Winterbourne Abbas you'll find the Coach & Horses, a 3,000sqm village pub that has been transformed by new owners Sandy and Kelvin.

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The 100 seater restaurant has a theatre kitchen, home to a traditional clay pizza oven and chargrill where you can watch the chef create your meal. The wood floors and chandeliers all add to the ambience, while in the winter months open fires will create an even cosier feel.

Our team of chefs have created a delicious Christmas menu, filled with local delights to help make your Christmas Party one to remember. Whether you are after the traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, or a festive pizza, toped with Turkey, cranberry and stuffing, the Coach & Horses will provide a great venue for your party, without breaking the bank. The menu offers outstanding value for money at just £16.95 for two courses, or £19.95 for three.

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Wheatfields have a Food Hygeine Rating of '5, Very Good' from the Food Standards Agency.

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Christmas Pudding
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Salt & pepper turkey

Ingredients

- 4½ -5.6kg/10-12lb turkey, thawed if frozen, giblets removed
- 1 tbsp black peppercorns
- 1 tbsp Maldon sea salt
- 1 lemon
- A few bay leaves, plus extra sprigs to garnish
- stuffing of your choice
- 50g butter, melted
- 10-12 rashers streaky bacon

For the gravy

- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 600ml turkeys or chicken stock
- 150ml/¼ pint port
- 4 tbsp lingonberries preserve or cranberry sauce
- 2 tsp wholegrain mustard

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/gas 5/ fan 170C.Wash the turkey inside and out and dry well with kitchen paper. Season inside the bird with salt and pepper.
2. Coarsely crush the peppercorns with a pestle and mortar and add the sea salt. Finely grate the lemon rind on top and mix together. Quarter the lemon and put inside the body cavity along with a few bay leaves.
3. If you are stuffing the turkey, stuff the neck end only, pushing it towards the breast. Don't overfill, as the stuffing will expand on cooking. Any leftover stuffing can be shaped into walnut-sized balls and cooked around the turkey for the last half-hour. Secure the neck end flap with a small metal or wooden skewer.
4. Tie the turkey legs together with kitchen string to give it a good shape.Weigh the turkey and calculate the cooking time at 18 minutes per 450g/1lb.
5. Set the turkey in a large roasting tin. Brush liberally all over with melted butter. Sprinkle the salt and pepper mix evenly over the breast and legs.
6. Cover the turkey loosely with a large square of foil and roast for the calculated cooking time, basting with the pan juices every hour. Half an hour before the end of the cooking time, remove the foil and string.Re-tie the legs with a rasher of bacon and arrange the rest in a lattice over the breast. Place any stuffing balls around the turkey. Spoon or siphon off 6 tbsp of pan juices into a saucepan for the gravy, then return the turkey to the oven.
7. At the end of the cooking time, transfer the turkey to a serving platter. Cover tightly with foil and leave to rest for 15-45 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the gravy. Heat the 6 tbsp of pan juices in the saucepan. Whisk in the flour and cook for 3 minutes until golden. Gradually whisk in the turkey or chicken stock and port, cooking until the gravy is no longer lumpy. Stir in the lingonberry preserve (or cranberry sauce) and mustard and simmer for 5 minutes. Then taste the gravy and season if necessary. Skim off the fat from the juices in the roasting tin, then add about 150ml/¼ pint of the pan juices to the gravy. Heat through then transfer to a warmed gravy boat.

Mill Café & Supper Club, Lyme Regis

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THE MILL Café & Supper Club is Lyme Regis's cosiest restaurant, ensconced within the Town Mill's artisan quarter. It holds just 30 people making it ideal if you want to book the whole restaurant for a Christmas party.

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'Wow! Absolutely delicious'

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The Mill Café & Supper Club
The Town Mill, Lyme Regis

Christmas Party Menu

A small bite to get you started:
Broad bean, mint and pecorino crostini
Red pepper, red onion and goat's cheese crostini Piedmont-style

Antipasti:
Lyme Bay Crab salad with parsley, garlic and lemon
or
Cauliflower Christmas salad Neapolitan style with sour-sweet peppers, capers, olives and sun-dried tomatoes

First course
Risotto with lemon, sage and rosemary

Second course
Lombardy-style beef stew flavoured with black pepper, nutmeg, clove and cinnamon; slow-cooked savoy cabbage *or*
Lyme Bay cod in a tomato, chilli and garlic broth, Trill farm organic salad *or*
Celeriac gratin with a spicy tomato sauce, pecorino cheese and capers, Trill Farm organic salad

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Festive Jammy Dodgers

Ingredients

- 225g unsalted butter, softened
- 100g caster sugar
- 200g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 100g ground almonds
- 100g strawberry or raspberry jam (about half a jar)

Preparation method

1. Put the butter, sugar, flour and almonds into a food processor and whizz until the mixture just comes together and forms a ball. If making by hand, first beat together the butter and sugar, then add the flour and ground almonds. Wrap in cling film and leave in the fridge for at least 1 hr.

2. Remove the dough from the fridge and knead until it is soft enough to shape and roll. Divide into two even-size balls. Sprinkle a little plain flour over your work surface and roll out one ball of pastry. I find it best to start the rolling myself so that it's even, then let the kids finish it off. The dough should be approximately 5mm thick.

3. Using a star cutter (about 6cm wide) dipped in a little flour to stop it from sticking, cut out as many star shapes as you can. Then lightly knead the dough trimmings together and roll out again. Keep going until you have about 24 stars.

4. Carefully place the stars on a baking sheet, making sure you keep them slightly apart. Roll out the second ball of dough the same way. Cut out the same-size stars and place them on a baking sheet. Now cut out a small circle in the centre of each biscuit using a small cookie cutter or the end of a large piping nozzle.

5. Heat oven to 140C/fan 120C/gas 1 and cook the biscuits for 20-30 mins until just golden.

6. Remove from the oven and place on a cooling rack to cool completely. Place a blob of jam onto the centre of the biscuits without the cut-out circle. Be generous – you want the jam to show at the edges as well as the centre. Place the top halves of the biscuits on and push down gently. These will keep in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

Classic champagne cocktail

This decadent cocktail of champagne laced with cognac is perfect for special occasions. Treat yourself this Christmas.

Ingredients

1 white sugar cube
2 dashes bitters
20ml/¾fl oz cognac
enough champagne to fill the glass

Preparation method

Place the sugar cube onto a spoon and add the bitters.
Drop the soaked sugar cube into a champagne flute and add the cognac.
Top up the glass with champagne and serve.

Christmas Snowball

For a festive whisky cocktail, throw together this traditional Christmas snowball.

Ingredients

1 lime, juice and zest only
3 tsp caster sugar
1 small free-range egg
50ml Scotch whisky
ginger ale, to top up

Preparation method

Mix together the lime juice and zest and caster sugar in a small bowl. See aside for an hour before using.
Technique: Zesting citrus fruit

To make the cocktail, place the egg, whisky and one tablespoon of the lime mixture into a cocktail shaker. Top up with ice cubes and shake well. Strain into a highball glass and top

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Babylon morris team looking for new members

BABYLON are a morris team who have been based in Corscombe for nearly twenty years. Unlike most morris, their dances were traditionally performed in the winter. To reflect this custom, they have danced on every New Year's Day in Beaminster and the surrounding villages since 1996. This year, Babylon are offering you the opportunity to join them!

Starting on November 20th and running up to Christmas we will be holding free sessions every Wednesday in Corscombe Village Hall, DT2 0NU, teaching the dances. And then, come New Year's Day, you'll be dancing in public with the team!

Babylon's dances, although effective to look at, are comparatively simple and they are sure that most people who attend the set of evenings will be able to reach an appropriate standard by the New Year.

Come along and give it a go!

For more information visit the website at www.babylon.org.uk, email secretary@babylon.org.uk, or phone Andrea (01460) 271208, Rosemary (01935 891415) or Steve & Jane (01935) 829050

Babylon morris team

Evropska String Quartet concert

Concerts in the West Review by Anthony Pither. Ilminster Arts Centre | Friday 11 October 2013

WHAT a fine British quartet - with a finely-judged range of works and admirable research. Apart from a few rough edges including problems in upper register intonation and, on occasion, lapsed ensemble playing in this very demanding programme, there was much to admire in the Evropska String Quartet.

Their awareness of phrasing in the opening piece, Haydn's D major Quartet Op 20 No 4, was inspiring. They captured, too, the humour in its very concise Hungarian minuet and they applied the device picked up from modern baroque playing, of "phrasing off" phrase lengths. However, here and elsewhere, some of the very quiet playing lacked tone and projection allowing the very enthusiastic audience to lose contact momentarily.

The Quartet's tour de force was the performance of their much-researched Janáček's Second String Quartet, subtitled Intimate Letters. The letters in question refer to the almost 700 missives written between the composer and Kamila Stösslova, a woman nearly 40 years his junior. While the quartet was in Prague last year they came away with a copy of an earlier, truer version of the score.

To bridge the emotional gap between the highly-charged Janáček in 1928 and Beethoven at the height of his powers in 1806, the Evropska Quartet inserted a work not often heard by a composer not associated with chamber music – Puccini. Chrysanthemums is a single movement, a sorrowful elegy, reflecting that in Italy the chrysanthemum is the flower of mourning.

The Evropska players, all young conservatoire graduates, would be the first to recognise that Beethoven quartets require a lifetime of experience. The opportunity to play the second of the Razumovsky Quartets three times in as many days (at additional concerts in Dorset and Devon) furthered their cause. The audiences did not find them wanting: how well they sustained Beethoven's deeply felt Adagio!

The next Concerts in the West performance will be on 21 February 2014 - for more details visit www.concertsinthewest.org

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Diary Dates

UNTIL SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH

ILMINSTER: Exhibition 'Stitched Up' - an exhibition of quilted textile art by award-winning local artist k3n. Open Monday to Friday 9.30am until 4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am until 2.30pm.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH

CREWKERNE: Jazz and Blues Night with pre-concert supper at Henhayes Community Centre. With music from Julie Dunn and Charlotte Storey. 7-8pm pre-concert supper £6.50 (£5.50 if booked by 18th October), concert 8-10pm £7.50 (or £6.50 if booked by 18th October). To book call the centre office on 01460 74340.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Mud' (cert 12A) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm, film at 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Pink Day Coffee Morning for Breast Cancer Campaign, at Burnworthy House. From 10.15am to 12.15pm. There will be a quiz, raffle, tombola and bric a brac stall to spend your pennies on, as well as a scrumtious cake stall.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Sequence Dancing at The Victoria Hall from 1.45pm - 4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits, all welcome. For more details call 01308 862866.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market every Friday at the Henhayes Centre from 9-11am for good home baked food, freshly produced fruit and vegetables and crafts of many varieties.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH - SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH

STOCKLINCH, NEAR ILMINSTER: Halloween Themed 3 Day Real Ale and Food Festival at Stocklinch Ales Microbrewery, Manor Farm. The event will showcase local home produced food stuffs such as Sausages, pies, cheeses, cakes and preserves as well as offering award winning real ales and cider. 7-11pm Friday, 1-11pm Saturday, 12pm-3pm Sunday. Any local suppliers wishing to take part should contact Claire Hart on 01460 259776

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH

GALMINGTON: Concert by Taunton Dean Male Voice Choir at St Michael's Church from 7.30pm. In aid of the church and Amnesty International. Featuring star guests the Farey Family. Tickets £10 by calling 01823 284001 or 01823 332371.

CREWKERNE: Big Breakfast at Henhayes Centre 10-12am. Standard Breakfast incl. tea / coffee £4 (add extras at 50p each).

HAM HILL: Ham Hill Wildlife Watch: Spooky Skeletons, 10am-12noon. Get into the spooky spirit with Edward Wells, who will be joining us to show us his collection of animal bones. Booking on these events is essential so please contact Rosie Withill, Somerset Wildlife Trust, to book your place. rosie.withill@somersetwildlife.org or 01823 652415 Please make sure you come dressed for the weather. Parents are always very welcome to join in with the sessions and children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sessions are free but any donations will go towards running the club.

ILMINSTER: Coffee Morning at Blackdown View (TA19 0AZ) from 10.30am. Coffee, cakes, tombola. Organised by Rosie Crane Trust.

HORTON: Table Top Sale at Broadway Hill Methodist Church 10am-12noon. Entrance 20p on the door. Tables available at £5. To book call 01460 259831.

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale in the Tithe Barn from 10am-11.30am. Bargains, tombola, tea/coffee and a chat.

MONDAY OCTOBER 28TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of local charities.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30TH

ILMINSTER: ILMINSTER. Halloween Special Literary Event with author Andrew Pickering on "Witches and Witchcraft" in Somerset. 6.30pm for 7pm at The Shrubbery Hotel, cost £16 to include hot 2 course supper, plus coffee. For tickets and further information please call 01460 53234 or 01460 241544.

CREWKERNE: Bingo - cash prizes, at Henhayes Centre, eyes down 2.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Weekly street market in Market Square 9am to 1pm. Fruit & veg, fish, plants, bread and much more. Information Town Council 01460 74001

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31ST

TATWORTH: Origami workshop at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Free to take part. 1.30-4pm. Organised by T&F Active Living. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

CLAPTON: Annual General Meeting at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, 7.30pm. Followed by cheese & wine and illustrated talk by Chris Borland: 'Passports Please', anecdotes from Chris' time as an immigration officer. All welcome; information from 01460 74849

HINTON ST GEORGE: Punkie Night. Lantern procession leaves the village hall at 6.45pm. Punkie Judging at Village Hall afterwards along with music games & refreshments. For more info call 01460 72361

CREWKERNE: Over 50s keep fit at Henhayes Centre, class begins at 10am and cost £3 for non members.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Social from 2-4pm at Henhayes.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Sequence Dancing at The Victoria Hall from 1.45pm - 4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits, all welcome. For more details call 01308 862866.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market every Friday at the Henhayes Centre from 9-11am for good home baked food, freshly produced fruit and vegetables and crafts of many varieties.

ILMINSTER: Quiz Night at Ilminster Arts Centre, 7 for 7.30pm. £12 per table of up to six. For more details or to book call 01460 54973

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Jumble Sale in the village hall. Doors open 11am. Admission 30p. Various stalls inc. Nearly New Clothes, books, toys,bric-a-brac, teas and much more. For more details call 01935 881718

ILMINSTER: Cinema at the Warehouse with Ilminster Film Club. Showing 'Life of Pi' at the Warehouse Theatre. Doors open 7.15pm, film 7.45pm. Some memberships still available, join on the night.

CREWKERNE: Rotary Club of Crewkerne District Bonfire and Firework Display behind the Stagecoach, Station Road. Gate open at 6.30pm, fire lit at 7pm. Fireworks at 7.30pm. Entry £5 per adult, £1 per child, under 5s free. Free parking. Hot dogs and burgers available.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

COMBE ST NICHOLAS: Racehorse Rehoming Official Barn Opening by Martin Clunes, gates 10.30am. Somerset Scrumpys Fly Ball Dog Team, Display of IPO tasks by Dog Trainer Jim Jackson, PC Nick Dalrymple & Dog Aden. National Trials Champion, Fun Dog Show, Bob Grave Horsemanship Demonstration. BBQ, raffles, selection of stalls, competitions, face painting. Fundraising entrance fee of £5 or family ticket £10 (2adults 2children).

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of local charities.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

CHARD: Chard Ladies Evening Guild meeting at Manor Court School at 7.30pm. Mr & Mrs Pryor will talk about Life on the Canals and Narrow-boat Art. Visitors welcome.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

CLAPTON: Sew, Knit & Natter at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10.30am, all welcome. For more details call 01460 72837.

SOUTH PETHERTON: South Petherton Photographic Society Meeting at the Methodist Church, Palmer Street at 7.30pm. Guest speaker John Crabb - 'Bird in Flight - a photographic adventure'. Free entry for first time guests.

CREWKERNE: Weekly street market in Market Square 9am to 1pm. Fruit & veg, fish, plants, bread and much more. Information Town Council 01460 74001

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

CHARD: Chard Helmsted Society Annual General Meeting. In The Upper Room at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm Anyone interested in hearing about next years visit to Germany are welcome to come along.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Film Society showing 'Incendies' at the village hall. Doors open and tea/coffee & biscuits available from 7.30pm; film starts at 8pm prompt. New members always welcome; guest tickets may be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 30508.

CHARD: Make and Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) on at Crowshute House, Crowshute Link, Chard from 10:30 until 12:30. A course of 6 practical cookery sessions for Mums, Dads and carers of babies and children up to 4 years, plus cooking demonstration, healthy eating information, tips on how to overcome eating problems, recipes, FREE LUNCH and more! To find out more call Sandra at HALFF on 01297 631782 or email Sandra@halff.org.uk.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Sequence Dancing at The Victoria Hall from 1.45pm - 4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits, all welcome. For more details call 01308 862866.

HAMBRIDGE: Hambridge and Westport Recreation Trust Quiz Night at the village hall. Doors 7.30pm, quiz 8pm. Teams of up to 6. Entry £2 per person. Mini hog roast and bar available. Tickets from Hambridge Post Office or call 07979 205092. Proceeds to Village Hall Community Kitchen.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market every Friday at the Henhayes Centre from 9-11am for good home baked food, freshly produced fruit and vegetables and crafts of many varieties.

CLAPTON: Lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start at the Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk

Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

Cinema

This week's new releases

ENDER'S GAME 12A

THE International Military seek out a leader who can save the human race from an alien attack. Ender Wiggin, a brilliant young mind, is recruited and trained to lead his fellow soldiers into a battle that will determine the future of Earth.

Stars Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield and Hailee Steinfeld.

Ender's Game

BAD GRANDPA 15

86-YEAR-OLD Irving Zisman is on a journey across America with the most unlikely companion: his 8 year-old grandson, Billy.

Comedy from the *Jackass* crew, stars Johnny Knoxville, Spike Jonze and Jackson Nicoll.

ONE CHANCE 12A

THE true story of Paul Potts, a shy, bullied shop assistant by day and an amateur opera singer by night who became a phenomenon after being chosen for -- and ultimately winning -- "Britain's Got Talent".

Stars James Corden, Jemima Rooper and Julie Walters.

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS PG

FLINT Lockwood now works at The Live Corp Company for his idol Chester V. But he's forced to leave his post when he learns that his most infamous machine is still operational and is churning out menacing food-animal hybrids.

Voices by Bill Hader, Anna Faris, Will Forte and James Caan.

CURSE OF CHUCKY 18

AFTER her mother's mysterious death, Nica begins to suspect that the talking, red-haired doll her visiting niece has been playing with may be the key to recent bloodshed and chaos.

Horror thriller starring Chantal Quesnelle, Fiona Dourif and Jordan Gavaris.

WE ARE WHAT WE ARE 15

THE Parkers, a reclusive family who follow ancient customs, find their secret existence threatened as a torrential downpour moves into their area, forcing daughters Iris and Rose to assume responsibilities beyond those of a typical family.

Horror starring Bill Sage, Ambyr Childers and Julia Garner.

CLOSED CIRCUIT 15

A HIGH-PROFILE terrorism case unexpectedly binds together two ex-lovers on the defense team - testing the limits of their loyalties and placing their lives in jeopardy.

Stars Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall and Jim Broadbent.

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

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Saturday 2nd November 9am - 12.30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
Admission Free, refreshments available

Saturday 2nd November
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Tuesday 5th November
WOOLOVERS KNITWEAR
UP TO 30% OFF SELECTED LINES 10am to 4pm

Wednesday 6th November
"ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY"
Public information event 2pm to 5pm

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November
"MEETING VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR"
in the town hall from 7.30pm – 9.15pm
New members always welcome.

Friday 22nd November
LIFE LINE SCREENING
Sessions Start from 9am

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
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The Guildhall, Chard
Tel: 01460 239 567
WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, Oct 25th - Thursday, Oct 31st

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEOVIL CINEWORLD

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

Captain Philips 12A
Fri-Tue- 11.50, 14.50, 18.00, 20.20
Wed & Thu: 14.00, 17.10, 20.20
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2D U
Fri: 13.10, 15.30, 17.50, 20.10
Sat, Tue, Thu: 10.50, 13.10, 15.30, 17.50
Sun, Mon: 10.50, 13.10, 15.30, 17.50, 20.10
Turbo U
Fri: 12.00, 12.40, 13.20, 14.20, 15.00, 15.40, 16.40, 18.00, 19.00
Sat-Tue: 10.20, 11.00, 12.00, 12.40, 13.20, 14.20, 15.00, 15.40, 16.40, 18.00, 19.00
Wed: 11.00, 12.00, 13.20, 14.20, 15.40, 18.00
Thu: 11.00, 12.00, 13.20, 14.20, 15.40
Jackass presents: Bad Grandpa 15
Fri-Tue: 12.10, 14.30, 16.50, 19.10, 21.30
Wed & Thu: 16.50, 19.10, 21.30
Escape Plan 15
Fri-Mon: 15.20, 18.00, 21.20
Tue: 15.20, 21.20, Wed: 21.20
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs U
Fri-Wed: 11.50, 14.10, 16.30, 18.50
Thu: 11.50, 14.10, 16.30
Despicable Me 2 U
Sat-Thu: 10.10am
Ender's Game 12A
Daily: 12.30, 15.10, 17.50, 20.40
(Excluding Sun: 12.30)
Blue Jasmine 12A
Fri-Tue: 21.00
Planes U
Sat-Tue: 9.40am, Wed & Thu: 10.10am
Prisoners 15
Fri-Tue: 20.45
Rush 15
Fri-Tue: 17.30, 20.30
Wed: 20.15
Sunshine On Leith PG
Fri-Tue: 12.50
The Fifth Estate 15
Fri-Tue: 21.10
The Smurfs 2 U
Sat-Thu: 10.00, 10.20am
One Chance 12A
Daily: 12.30, 15.00, 17.30, 20.00

TAUNTON ODEON

Heron Gate, Riverside
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

Blue Jasmine 12A
Fri-Mon: 19.50, Tue: 19.35
Thu: 21.30
Captain Phillips 12A
Fri-Tue: 11.40, 14.40, 17.40, 19.40, 20.40
Wed & Thu: 17.40, 20.40
Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2 U
Fri: 12.50, 15.10, 17.30
Sat-Tue: 10.40, 12.50, 15.10, 17.30
Wed & Thu: 12.30, 14.45, 17.00
Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2 - 3D U
Fri-Wed: 11.30, 13.50, 16.10, 18.30, Thu: 11.30, 13.50, 16.10
Despicable Me 2 U
Sat-Thu: 10.30am
Ender's Game 12A
Daily: 11.50, 14.30, 17.15, 20.10
Escape Plan 15
Fri-Mon: 20.15, Tue: 20.15, 22.50
Wed: 20.50
Insidious 2 15
Thu: 22.40
Jackass presents: Bad Grandpa 15
Fri-Tue: 14.20, 16.40, 19.00, 21.20
Wed & Thu: 19.00, 21.20
Justin & The Knights of Valour PG
Sat-Thu: 10.50am
One Chance 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed & Thu: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.20
Tue: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.20, 22.45
Thor: The Dark World 2D 12A
Wed, Thu: 12.00, 15.00, 18.00, 21.00
Thor: The Dark World 3D 12A
Wed, Thu: 11.00, 14.00, 17.00, 19.00, 20.00, 22.00
Sunshine On Leith PG
Fri-Mon: 20.50, Tue: 20.50, 23.10
Turbo 2D U
Fri-Tue: 11.00, 13.20, 15.40, 17.50
Wed: 11.20, 13.40, 16.00
Thu: 13.20, 15.40
Turbo 3D U
Fri-Tue: 12.00, 14.20, 16.40
Wed & Thu: 10.20, 12.40, 15.00

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OCTOBER has been a month of varied and quality music at The David Hall.

On Saturday 5th we were entertained by Chris While and Julie Matthews who showed why they are generally viewed as one of the most entertaining and talented duos on the circuit. This was a night of music influenced by Folk, Country and Blues, all sung by two of the best voices in the business and who absolutely thrilled everyone who attended. Chris and Julie will be back in December as part of the fabulous Christmas show, St Agnes Fountain – this year performing on both Friday 6th and Saturday 7th. If you would like to be there please book NOW as Saturday is already sold out and the Friday gig is selling well

The second October gig was very different and featured the wonderful Blowzabella. A near-capacity crowd enjoyed one of the Hall's "Chance to Dance" nights which consisted of a mix of "called" and "uncalled" sequences. Blowzabella performs an original mix of British and European traditional dance music, all played in the distinctive style of this distinctive group, performing for us at the start of their 35th anniversary tour. A truly great band who made this a very special night

Sunday 20th saw a return visit from the ever-popular Urban Folk Quartet who showed they are without doubt one of the 'tightest' bands in the country. This fiddle-led four piece are not only great musicians but also possess outstanding voices. They really impressed and entertained all who attended. Another night of outstanding music

On Sunday 27th October we shall have The David Hall's third visit by the trio, Gigspanner - founded and led by legendary fiddle player and Steeleye Span member, Peter Knight. Gigspanner provides music with a vast variety of influences and played in a style which features a depth of multi-textured melodies that makes their sound totally unique. A great way to end a great month!

Martyn Joseph

November will again provide a busy month of music at The David Hall.

This starts on Friday 8th when we shall welcome Kimber's Men for their first visit. They are a five-piece group of singers who specialise in maritime material. It is too simplistic to call them a "shanty group" as their repertoire includes both nautical ballads and modern songs by such artists as Gordon Lightfoot. This is an evening that will appeal to all lovers of harmony groups.

The long-awaited return visit of Martyn Joseph takes place on Saturday 16th. This gig, which is selling fast, will also feature support from the very talented Willy Porter. Martyn will be singing songs from 31 albums covering a career of 30 years. A mixture of Folk/ Rock/ Soul/ Funk and Americana - and yet these labels cannot define the spirit of his unique style of music

On Wednesday 20th, Steeleye Span will be appearing at The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil, in a performance supported by The David Hall. Maddy Prior - the voice of Steeleye for 38 years – is at the helm of the line-up, which also features fiddler extraordinaire Peter Knight, Rick Kemp on bass, Peter Zorn and Julian Littman on guitars and Liam Genockey on the drum stool. They will be playing new gems and the classics that have made them one of the most successful British Folk/Rock bands ever. To book, telephone The Octagon on 01935 422 884.

On Sunday 24th we are pleased to welcome back Bristol's Jane Taylor and her band. Jane comes to Petherton fresh from her BBC Radio 2 session with Bob Harris, and after opening for Jools Holland and winning Best Album at the Independent Music Awards. This is a rare opportunity to catch an intimate performance from a unique award-winning artist right on your doorstep.

Jane Taylor and the JT Band

Music in November comes to an end on Saturday 30th when we are delighted to have back our good friends from Brittany, The Churchfitters. These four fantastic musicians play a mixture of recognised and home-made instruments. Without doubt one of the most energetic and entertaining bands on the planet, their high energy-shows always leave their audiences cheering for more.

Hope to see you at The David Hall!

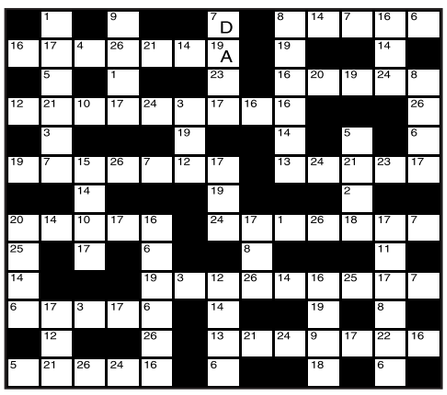
Pete Wheeler
of Petherton Arts Trust

◆ Other events at The David Hall in November include an evening of Spooky Somerset Stories on Saturday 2nd November, a Craft Fair on 9th November, three film screenings by Petherton Picture Show, the ever-popular Coffee Morning on Wednesday 27th and a fast-moving comedy, Laying The Ghost, performed by South Petherton Combined Arts Society Drama Group, from 30 – 23 November. For further details please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340

Brain Gym No.244

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
R	E	I	V	N	M	P	X	H	F	T	D	Y
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
K	Q	Z	L	S	G	W	C	U	B	O	A	J

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

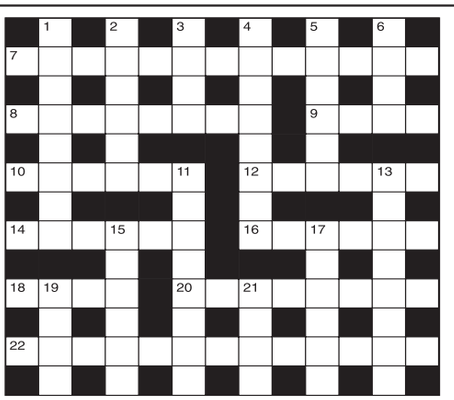
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. A grave charge? (4-9)
8. Not the dawn chorus, presumably (4,4)
9. It gets me back in the newspaper (4)
10. Its employer doesn't want to leave a bad mark (6)
12. Foreigner installed in the desk I'm ousted from (6)
14. This system has point (6)
16. Withdraw a direction to surrender (6)
18. A little lower - down the leg (4)
20. Even its pursuers want to be! (8)
22. Returns without having made any deductions (5,8)

Down

1. Meet a number on the border (8)
2. They have beastly laughs (6)
3. Prepare for take off? (4)
4. Walks and causes amazement (8)
5. It's a scream! (6)
6. A joint account at the bank needs part of it (4)
11. A patient is better after it (8)
13. Ship's officer about to prepare a book to make one think! (8)
15. Say no, it's useless (6)
17. Belief in solvency? (6)
19. Melodies people may put on (4)
21. Resort looks agreeable on paper (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

7. Disputable (13)
8. Throttle (8)
9. Merit (4)
10. Sake (6)
12. Inflict (6)
14. Adopt (6)
16. Company of performers (6)
18. Girl (4)
20. Slow (8)
22. Unkind (13)

Down

1. Citadel (8)
2. Layers (6)
3. Yearn (4)
4. Abandoned (8)
5. Slumbering (6)
6. Just (4)
11. Diabolic (8)
13. Divided (8)
15. Result (6)
17. Clamour (6)
19. Mother's sister (4)
21. Swimming-pool (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	9	7	1	3	6	5	4	2
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5	8	3	7	4	2	9	6	1
9	2	4	5	6	1	8	7	3
1	5	2	6	7	3	4	9	8
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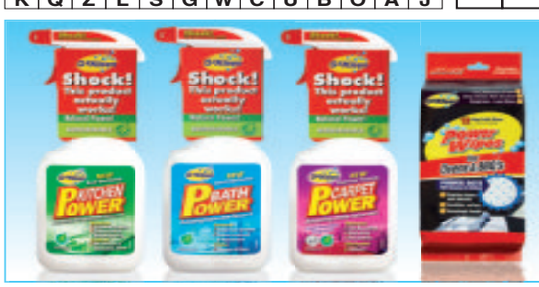
6	3	9	8	1	4	7	2	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stow; 8 Overthrown; 9 Idolater; 10 Pact; 12 Groove; 14 Shunts; 15 Molest; 17 Reduce; 18 Veal; 19 Diplomat; 21 Schooltime; 22 Reed. Down: 2 Tender love; 3 Wool; 4 Settle; 5 Storks; 6 Propound; 7 Knot; 11 Cat's cradle; 13 Overlook; 16 Toddle; 17 Repair; 18 Visa; 20 Over. QUICK - Across: 1 Iota; 8 Strike dumb; 9 Pleasant; 10 Acts; 12 Efface; 14 Heeded; 15 Guards; 17 Saturn; 18 Asps; 19 Reclaims; 21 Above board; 22 Send. Down: 2 On all fours; 3 Asia; 4 Grease; 5 Sketch; 6 Adjacent; 7 Ebbs; 11 The Kremlin; 13 Abrasive; 16 Scribe; 17 Social; 18 Alas; 20 Adds.



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The Rear Hall has a storage cupboard under the stairs. Doors off to the Laundry Room, and the Kitchen, which has fitted wall and base units, a free-standing electric cooker, space for fridge and plumbing and space for dishwasher.
The staircase from the entrance hall leads to the first floor Landing, with doors off to Bedroom one, a double with views to the rear aspect across the surrounding countryside: the bathroom with shower facility and large airing cupboard: Bedroom two, a large double with a built-in cupboard and bay window to the front aspect, overlooking the front garden and surrounding area. Similar views are afforded from bedroom three/boxroom, and bedroom four, again a large double with bay window to the front.
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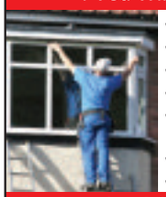

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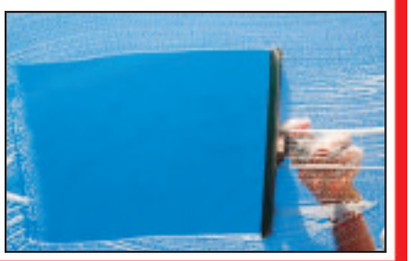

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Available as Executive and Premium Executive, with either manual or automatic transmission, the pricing starts from £29,870 and comes with a headline contract hire leasing rate of just £299.99 plus VAT per month (3+35 rentals, non maintenance, 10,000 miles a year). Higher specified versions, such as the Q50 Premium Executive with satellite navigation, heated and powered leather seats with memory and I-Key plus many other features, costs from £33,470 or with contract hire just £336.99 per month.

The Q50's 114g/km CO2 rating (manual transmission) also delivers highly competitive benefit-in-kind tax bills for drivers. A 20 per cent taxpayer in 2013/14 will face a benefit-in-kind tax bill of just £83.45 a month (40 per cent taxpayer: £166.90) for the manual. Even in year three (2015/16) this rises to only £99.56 (£199.13). Lease costs and BIK liability for the automatic version are similarly competitive (see table).

The Infiniti Q50 Executive's 2.2-litre four-cylinder diesel engine boasts 170PS (168bhp) and 400Nm of pulling power for spirited acceleration (0-62mph in 8.5 seconds) with exceptional fuel economy: 64.2mpg in the manual and 58.9mpg in the automatic (combined cycle figures).

Infiniti UK Fleet Manager Hannah Bishop said: "A car of this size, power and standard specification for under £300 a month (plus VAT) is a very attractive and competitive proposition for the business user. The new Executive versions offer everything a driver expects in a car and a great deal more besides, such as our InTouch technology with dual touch-screens for a ready-to-go digital mobile office."

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- *XV Black Limited Edition priced from £24,495 (OTR)*

SUBARU has today announced the launch of the Subaru XV Black, a new limited edition variant of the manufacturer's popular compact crossover. The 'XV Black' models will be available with either Subaru's 2.0-litre Boxer diesel engine mated to a six-speed manual transmission, or the 2.0-litre Boxer petrol unit and a Lineartronic automatic transmission.

Exclusively finished in Crystal Black Silica paint, the XV Black offers a number of visual additions unique to the special edition model, which are designed to boost the car's rugged, go-anywhere appeal. These include front, rear and side silver-resin underguards, front and rear mud-flaps, a cargo step panel and a foldable cargo tray. Inside, the Black model is fitted with heavy-duty rubber floor mats.

The All-Wheel-Drive XV Black is priced at £24,495 (on-the-road) for the 2.0i Lineartronic and £24,995 for the 2.0 Boxer diesel, and is based on the existing SE model. Motorists will pay just £1,000 for all the extras fitted as standard to the XV Black, which – if fitted separately as options to other models in the range – would total over £1,600, meaning the new Limited Edition model offers both exclusivity and value for money.

The XV enjoys a class-leading five-star Euro NCAP crash safety rating and at 90%, one of the highest scores for child occupant protection ever recorded, making it ideal for young families.

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The new XV Black Limited Edition features Subaru's typically generous standard equipment levels, including Subaru's standard-fit Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) system, providing world-class hazard avoidance capabilities. Other standard features include front, side, curtain and knee airbags, 17-inch alloy wheels, daytime running lights, heated front seats, wiper de-icers, cruise control, folding door mirrors, dual-zone air-conditioning, rear view safety camera, Bluetooth, HID headlamps, and rear privacy glass.

▲ Subaru XV Black

Yippee! Customer glee at delivery of MG3

THE first customers of MG's new supermini are rejoicing at receiving their cars this week, as the Longbridge based manufacturer begins customer deliveries of the eagerly awaited MG3.

The MG3 is available in four specifications, with the top of the range, 3STYLE priced at only £9,999, down to the entry level, 3TIME, for just £8,399. The affordability continues with an insurance group rating of just 4E on all MG3s.

Promotional expert, Laura Drysdale, collected her MG3 from MG's flagship sales centre in Longbridge, Birmingham. "I work with a number of automotive manufacturers in the promotions industry and when I started looking for a new car, the MG3 was the only one that really jumped out at me. I love the colour options and the fact I can personalise it to look exactly the way I wanted. There are so many options; the hardest part about ordering the car was deciding which ones to choose!" Laura, aged 23 from Coventry has worked in automotive promotions for four years and is a regular on the BTCC circuit. Her MG3 is a 3STYLE in Orange Marmalade with optional Burst roof graphic, Black mirror caps, 16" Black Diamond alloy wheels and 'TECH' part leather interior.

Entry level 3TIME costs just £8,399 and features a CD player with MP3 compatibility, LED daytime running lights, hill hold control and a sporty VTi 106 PS petrol engine as standard. Next is 3FORM, available for £9,299 with 3TIME specification, plus Bluetooth and Audio streaming, DAB radio and Climate control. For those customers who prefer a sportier look the 3FORM SPORT is available for £9,549 and adds 16" "Carousel" Alloy Wheels and sporty Side skirts to its already impressive kit list. At the top of the range is the 3STYLE which takes things one step further with 16" "Diamond cut" Alloy wheels, reverse parking sensors, cruise control and automatic lights and windscreen wipers for only £9,999.

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A RIGOROUS round of real-world testing dubbed the 'MPG Marathon' has once again underlined the impressive fuel-efficiency of the new Honda Civic 1.6 i-DTEC.

In the test of 23 cars driven by independent journalists and company car drivers on UK roads, the Civic took third place for overall mpg, behind the Ford Fiesta ECOnetic and Renault Clio Dynamique – both much smaller cars than the Honda.

Over a 367 mile drive the Civic recorded an excellent overall mpg of 84.87mpg, just 4mpg behind the winner. It exceeded its official combined figure by some 8.12 per cent, placing it third place overall in percentage improvement on quoted mpg figures. The Civic also recorded the third lowest CO2 emissions of the models on test, with just 94g/km.

Organised by Fleet World magazine, the ALD Automotive/Shell Fuel-Save MPG Marathon set out from Tankersley Manor, near Sheffield, on Wednesday 9th October. This year's event is regarded as the toughest yet, with strong winds, long hill climbs and heavy traffic. Despite the conditions, Mark Armstrong-Read of Derbyshire NHS Trust steered the Civic to a podium place, thanks to both his own eco-driving skills and the no- compromise combination of performance and efficiency of the 1.6 diesel Civic.

Lee Wheeler, Manager-Corporate Operations at Honda (UK) comments:

"The fact that our small diesel 1.6 i-DTEC powered Civic five-door finished a very respectable third in the MPG Marathon illustrates the key benefit our new Earth Dreams Technology to fleet users - far less trips to the filling station than many similar sized competitor models. Earth Dreams Technology can now be found in the Civic five-door hatchback and CR-V, and we look forward to bringing it very soon to our all new Civic Tourer".

The MPG Marathon is designed to be a true real world test that demonstrates the benefits to both the environment and the motorist's back pocket of employing simple, smarter driving techniques. This year's event saw the introduction of a new 'navigational scatter' format with competitors required to visit a number of fixed points via the route of their choice, as opposed to the fixed route used in previous years. As a result, drivers were faced with a number of decisions to find the optimum route, without incurring time penalties. The location, speed and direction of travel of each competitor were monitored in real-time by TRACKER satellite tracking technology fitted to each vehicle.

Ross Durkin, Managing Editor of Fleet World Group and organiser of the MPG Marathon comments:

"We aim to make the MPG Marathon as representative of everyday driving as possible. Some economy driving events have got a bit of a bad name with contestants crawling along and holding up the traffic, but that's certainly not a criticism that can be levelled at this year's MPG Marathon. The new format meant that hardly any drivers took the same route and it was absolutely fascinating to follow their progress via the TRACKER website."

The new Civic 1.6 i-DTEC offers a class-leading combination of fuel economy and performance – emitting only 94 g/km of CO2 with a powerful 120PS. The engine is the first to be launched in Europe under Honda's flagship Earth Dreams Technology environmental programme; offering customers an outstanding balance of high fuel economy, low emissions and dynamic performance.

The Civic 1.6 i-DTEC is currently available from £229 per month, with 0% APR representative, and on Honda Contract Hire from £165+VAT per month. The car also benefits from zero vehicle excise duty and a combined mpg of 78.5.

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Ford awarded record wins in Sunday Times top 100

A HAT-trick of Ford models scooped 'best in class' honours in the Sunday Times' annual Top 100 review of Britain's best cars.

Ford's three category wins are unprecedented in the Sunday Times Top 100, and build on Ford's double success last year.

The Sunday Times and its Driving.co.uk website voted Ford Fiesta the best supermini, Ford Fiesta ST number one hot hatch and Ford S-MAX winner of its Multi-Purpose Vehicle category.

The Ford Fiesta, the UK's top-selling car, has already taken a dozen major UK awards this year. The Sunday Times said of the Fiesta in Titanium trim with its innovative turbo-powered 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine: "It's really very hard to say whether the car's greater appeal is its looks, or the fact that it is far and away the best car to drive among its rivals. No wonder that ever since it came out, the Fiesta has been Britain's best-selling car."

Its performance derivative, the Ford Fiesta ST, features a lowered chassis, more aggressive styling and turbo-powered, direct-injection 180PS 1.6-litre EcoBoost engine – a unique combination that takes Ford's famous dynamics to a new high.

"For people who live in the real world, where budgets are micro-managed and journeys are often long and boring, it's possible this Ford could be the most significant hatchback of recent years," concluded the Sunday Times. "Fast, comfortable aand frugal, it is the best of all worlds wrapped up in a car that costs less than any number of rivals."

The stylish Ford S-MAX has sold more than 6,000 units in the first nine months of this year, proving its unique character as the most sporty seven-seater available. The Sunday Times said: "The S-MAX is unique among cars of this type. Why? Because ever since it was launched in 2006 it has been both a first class people carrier and a genuinely rewarding car to drive — something that no other MPV has managed."

Ford's new small MPV, the B-MAX, also impressed, taking second place within a year of going on sale: "Just as the S-MAX calls the shots among large MPVs, so the B-MAX does at the other end of the category."

Mark Ovenden, Ford Britain chairman and managing director, said: "We are proud that Ford has earned so many Sunday Times Top 100 accolades, reflecting some of the many stars in our best-ever product range. The UK team and its dealers appreciate this huge endorsement from the Sunday Times."

▲Ford Fiesta ST

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WITH clear design influences referencing the latest home interior trends, such as matt surfaces, distinctive colours and bold material combinations, the new smart fortwo BoConcept edition is the next step in the design cooperation with BoConcept, the Danish urban interior design specialist.

The limited edition model follows in the footsteps of the smart fortwo BoConcept signature style, with both models featuring matt crystal white body panels – a nod to the exclusive finishes found within the most sought-after properties.

The smart fortwo BoConcept edition is further enhanced by distinctive light lemon mirror caps and accents on the 15-inch nine-spoke alloy wheels. BoConcept logos in the mirror triangles complete the style accents and ensure that vehicle admirers cannot mistake the Danish design details.

Inside, there are unique tobacco brown leather-look seats teamed grey quilted fabric inlays and light lemon double stitching, the design of which is synonymous with BoConcept style. The dashboard, door panels and kneepad employ the same colour scheme. The interior is further complimented by a two-spoke leather steering wheel also with matching light lemon double stitching.

Available in both coupé and cabrio bodystyles, the new smart fortwo BoConcept edition is based on the passion 71 bhp mhd, with additional exclusive features including: highline multimedia and navigation system with 6.5-inch touch-screen, Bluetooth, iPod interface and CD/DVD player, air conditioning and electric windows all as standard.

Gary Savage, Managing Director, Mercedes-Benz Cars said: "It's testament to the strength of the collaboration between smart and BoConcept that this new edition has evolved, as it provides a stylish mix of contemporary design and style for urban living."

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angling news

Cox on form

Ilminster AA
Royal Oak League 2

NINE Ilminster AA members fished round two of the Royal Oak league on the River Isle last weekend, lots of small fish were showing until it started raining heavily and the river rose by a foot during the second-half of the match.

Robin Cox won on the day with a nice net of roach, chublets and dace weighing 7lb 11oz from peg 22 which was used for the first time this year.

Jamie Rich continued his good run with a similar net weighing 6lb from peg 14.

Only a few ounces behind was Tiverton's Bruce Hunt with 5lb 11oz from peg 17.

After two matches there are four people on one point, Jamie Rich, Robin Cox, Tony Newman and Moses Holbrook. Next week is round two of the V.E.S. Precision league and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8:30 and 9:00.

1 – Robin Cox (Ilminster) – 7lb 11oz, 2 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) – 6lb, 3 – Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) – 5lb 11oz.

school sport

Neroche champs

HOLYROOD Academy played host to a Girls Football Tournament for its feeder primary schools on Tuesday (October 22nd).

Despite blustery conditions the teams adapted well to the bigger pitches and showed good progress throughout the competition.

Forty girls from five primaries competed to be the best in our area, hoping to go forward to represent the Holyrood cluster in the South Somerset Finals.

Participating schools were; Ashill, Avishayes, Manor Court, Neroche (Ilminster) and Tatworth.

Neroche were crowned champions and will now represent the cluster in Yeovil on Thursday, November 14th.

A special mention should go to Holyrood Academy students for officiating.

School sports co-ordinator Jason Hedaux was particularly pleased with this event as it was the first event solely for girls, he said: "Encouraging competition amongst children is a high priority for the Government and a focus for our work over the next year."

indoor bowls

Anne retains Merriott singles title

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*
IN the **National over 60s Double Rink** Competition, which is one rink home and one rink away, Ilminster played Taunton Deane BC.

On the day Taunton were too strong and won on both rinks, details; Home, Dave Wallis, Cliff Whelan, Mike King and David Pugh 7 D Burch 35; Away Roy Orme, Ken Leamon, Roger Brown and Dave Crouch 13 D Fowkes 30.

In the first round of the **Ladies Champion of Champions** Ilminster's Dot Whelan beat S.Spicer from Puriton 21-11.

MERRIOTT SMBC *with Anne Weeks*
MERRIOTT Short The Canaries gained their first win of the **Milford & Dormer Mixed Triples** League by beating The Magpies 15-6 in a hard fought match.

On Saturday Merriott Short Mat Bowls Club held its annual **Club Championship** which proved to be extremely competitive and entertaining for contestants and spectators alike.

In the early rounds of both the singles and pairs competitions there were some very close games with interesting results and no one person being an obvious favourite.

At the end of the day the pairs Champions were Norman Sumpter & Mike Dandridge with Margaret Rowswell & Hazel Howell being runners up.

Last year's singles Champion, Anne Weeks, retained her title in a close contest against David Swanson.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*
THERE were only two matches in the **Milford & Dormer mixed triples league** this week as one has been postponed to later in the season.

In the early session the Canaries played the Magpies. The game was nip and tuck for the first-half but then the Canaries started to pull away finishing up by winning 15-6.

Once again the score does not reflect the overall standard of play with the skips playing pivotal parts in deciding the individual end scores.

The late session saw the Harlequins taking on the Royals. The play was very tight from both sides with the Harlequins pulling out a six- point lead.

But the Royals were not giving up and scored a four on the 12th end to bring the difference down to just two points. The Harlequins dug deep and managed to win the last two ends and the match by 16 points to 11.

Both matches were hard fought but played with conviviality and good humour.

■ ILMINSTER bowlers pictured after the presentation of the of the Wessex Mixed Triples League and Knockout Cup Winners Trophies at Castle Cary on Saturday.

■ **DOUBLE:** Ilminster Ladies outdoor captain Norma Pugh receives the league and Knockout Trophies from the Chairman of the Wessex League.

■ **WELL DONE:** Crewkerne Bowling Club Ladies Championship Winner 2013, Lynne Gready, receiving the trophy from Freda Cannons at the club's Presentation Dinner at Ilminster Bowling Club last weekend. Well done to Sheila Forrester for organising the event and also for winning the Most Improved Player of the Year award.

■ **WINNERS:** (above) Norman Sumpter and Mike Dandridge receive the Merriott SMBC Pairs champions trophy. (Right) Anne Weeks is presented with the Singles trophy for the second year in a row.

swimming chard & district club

Xanthe and Henry shine

CHARD & District Swimming Club took part in the recent **Somerset Development Meet** aimed at young and inexperienced swimmers looking to try to achieve County times for next spring, *writes Hannah Pullinger*.

Thirty swimmers age 9 and upwards took part over two days achieving many personal best times and a total of 34 County qualifying times.

Two performances of particular note came from Xanthe Dyer (11) who achieved the Club Silver Speed Badge for swimming 50m Freestyle in under 36 seconds for the first time, and 12-year-old Henry Taswell who broke the Club 12 and under record by swimming 2.36.60 in the 200m Backstroke.

Top three medal positions were achieved by: Jay Kindred 16, 100 and 200 Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley, Lewis Pearson 13, 100 and 200m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, Flo Swan 14, 50 and 100m Butterfly, Henry Taswell 12, 200 Backstroke, 50 and 200m Breaststroke, Paul Harrison 14, 100m Freestyle, Leo Kindred 12, 50 and 200m Breaststroke, Nathan Roberts 16, 100m Backstroke, Joss Copeman 11, 50m Backstroke, Xanthe Dyer 11, 50 and 100m Breaststroke, Louis Rood 10, 50m Butterfly, Harriet Copeman 9, 50 and 200m Backstroke, Jimmy Brett 9, 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle, Millie Downes 9, 50m Breaststroke, and Cole Dickinson 9, 100m Individual Medley and 50m Butterfly.

Swimmers taking part were - Girls: Grace Haskins, Flo Swan, Daisy Brett, Abi Morgan, Holly Dickinson, Imogen Waterhouse, Xanthe Dyer, Helen Underwood, Bayley Callow, Moli Riley, Briana Barrand, Mia Huntley, Harriet Copeman, Millie Downes.

Boys: Nathan Roberts, Jay Kindred, Paul Harrison, Lewis Pearson, Leo Kindred, Oliver Rodger, Ben Webb, Simon Davis, Henry Taswell, Joss Copeman, Jamie Porter, Daniel Humphreys, Oliver Bright, Louis Rood, Jimmy Brett, and Cole Dickinson.

If you want to find out more about Chard Swimming Club, or are interested in joining we have sessions for age 5/6 years upwards at pools in Chard, Axminster, Crewkerne and long course training at Millfield.

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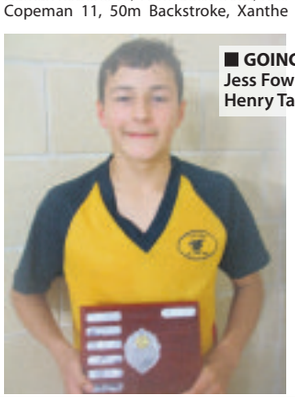

■ **GOING WELL:** Jess Fowler and Henry Taswell

■ PERRY Street Reserves pictured recently in their new kit sponsored by CMT Carpentry. Line-up, Standing, from left: Richie Richardson (Assistant Manager) Sam Bond, Josh Chadwick, Conor Richardson, Jason Contreras, Billy Sheahan, Steve Baker, Freddie Holley and Robbie Steed (Coach). Front; Ben Toms of CMT Carpentry, Callum MacHattie, Brad Cleal, Jay Stewart, Rich Rowson, Dan O'Conner, Kev Rowson, Dan Collins, Sam Johnson, Chris Toms of CMT Carpentry.

hockey chard

Winning run comes to an end

Chard 2nd XI 1
Taunton Civil Service 1st XI 3

HAVING started the league season with three victories, Chard came unstuck against a Civil Service side for whom ex-Chard 1st XI player Simon Jones was one of their midfield lynch pins.

The hosts defensive resilience was tested to the full in a goalless first-half as the visitors piled on the pressure and won a succession of penalty corners.

Keeper Jon Stone and the back four of Gross, Lury, Goddard and Mahoney worked hard to keep the score sheet blank.

In addition James Spurdle and captain Kyle Wheaton battled impressively in midfield to stem the tide.

Chard started with a 4-3-3 formation but there was very limited service to the forwards with Dan Stone particularly isolated and frustrated.

For the second-half Chard switched to a 4-4-2 formation which made more effective use of Ed Ireland-Jones as extra midfield support.

This produced a more even balance of possession between the team.

But it was Jones who broke the deadlock using a free hit on Chard's 25-yard line to run into the D and shoot before Chard's defence could react - although there was some debate as to whether the ball was static before the free hit was taken.

Civil Service went two up when Jones scored again with a flick into the top corner of the net from a penalty corner and Chard had to withstand another barrage of such corners to avoid falling further behind.

A third goal from broken play and the ball deflecting unkindly in the D left Chard staring at a heavy defeat.

But they rallied in the final quarter to score from a rare penalty corner of their own and finished the match on a more upbeat note.

On the fronter skittles news

ILMINSTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE

RESULTS: OCTOBER 17TH

DIVISION ONE

Crown Royals 395-3 (R.Priddle, J.Miles 63) Rockey's Rollers 413-9 (T.Clapp 62), Bell A 309-2 (R.Mullet, A.Lee 42), Nomads 329-10 (L.Bond 45), Royal Oak Faces 326-3 ((A.Male 45) Crown Crusaders 328-9 (R.Sims 50), Ashill Boys 339-6 (B.Smart 54) Cricketers 339-6 (D.Brunt 47).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Crown Crusaders	6	52
Ashill Boys	6	41
Rocky's Rollers	6	41
Flying Turkeys	6	39
Cricketers	7	38
Bell A	5	35
Nomads	6	31
Royal Oak Faces	6	28
Crown Royals	6	19

Division Two

Wyndham Clangers 316-3 (R.Bool 48) Wyndham Warriors 326-9 (L.Strong, K.Kneeshaw & P.Kneeshaw 46), King's Head 352-2 (J.Goldie, D.Lewsley 51) Hatch Beagles 363-10 (P.Watts 59), Flying Turkeys Allstars L Bell Broadway L, Ilton Choppers 329-1 (M.Chew 50) Ashill Inn 351-11 (W.Dopson 52), Hatch Beagles 355-4 (R.Miller, P.Watts 49) Wyndham Clangers 360-8 (R.Bool 57).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys All St	5	51
Kings Head	7	50
Ashill Inn	6	47
Wyndham Warriors	6	41
Hatch Beagles	6	41
Bell Broadway	5	34
Ilton Choppers	6	23
Wyndham Clangers	6	8
Hatch Eggs	5	5

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	5	53
Super Sexy Six	5	36
Headhunters	4	32
Football Club	5	32
Coachmen	5	26
Stray Cats	4	23
Muddled Men	4	23
Raptors	4	22
The Fryers	5	18
Con Club Legends	4	17
King Willy Dogs	4	15
Royal Oak Drimptn	3	15

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Brewers Bees	4	41
Nomads	5	40
Club Fixers	4	38
Perrott Monkeys	5	37
Rug Rats	5	26
Sports 92	5	24
Muppets	4	23
Fuddlers	4	22
Rollers	3	21
Pinbusters	5	20
Skimmers	4	11
Concorde	4	9

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Acorns	5	42
Hung Like Horses	5	40
Chis Colts	4	38
Loud & Proud	4	35
The Likely Lads	5	33
Sandbaggers	5	31
Rotary	5	28
Kings Men	5	27
Ugly Ducklings	5	24
Knappers	4	17
Willy Low Flyers	3	14
Beer leg Boys	5	12
Numpties	3	1

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scrum-down rugby news

Thorns sneak late victory

SOUTH WEST ONE

CHARD 18 THORNBURY 21

CHARD will be very disappointed to have lost this game because Thornbury were there for the taking.

But after once again despite dominating large parts of the game Chard were unable to finish things off and Thornbury finally took the lead for the first time with a try under the posts in the 6th minute of injury time.

A very difficult day was compounded by the fact that Chard lost two more players to injury and their squad is down to the bare bones.

A hotly disputed red card for Nick Hyslop late in the game did not help matters either.

It was all Chard to start with and another crowd of 250 plus were anticipating another home win for their team. A really good forward drive after ten minutes ended with flanker Ryan Helliar peeling off and bursting through for an unconverted try.

Chard increased their lead on the half hour when a Thornbury player got yellow carded for a technical offence and skipper Chris Doak kicked the resultant penalty.

Chard lost Lee Massey to injury early in the game and he was replaced by his brother Joe.

Having been injured last week it was quite a surprise to see Lee starting the game and unfortunately for him and Chard the gamble did not pay off.

The game then went through an error strewn period with both sides guilty of making lots of mistakes.

Helliar looked to have scored his second try but, after what appeared to be protests from the visiting side, the referee brought play back for a scrum saying that he himself had obstructed the Thornbury defence from making a tackle! This decision would come back to haunt Chard.

Well into injury time in the first-half the dangerous visiting full-back Ed Sheldon scored under the posts.

Tim Stevens converted and Chard led 8-7 at the break.

Early in the second-half Chard were awarded a penalty and spurned the three points to kick to the corner. The plan worked and from the resultant lineout Parsons went over in the corner. Doak converted from the touchline to put Chard two scores clear.

With ten minutes to go Hyslop was yellow carded for a technical offence but the referee changed the card to red for apparent bad language.

Chard were then caught out when a clever grubber kick into space gave league top try scorer Sheldon the chance to touch down in the corner. Stevens converted and again Thornbury were within a point.

Chard increased their lead to four points when Doak calmly dropped a goal.

This lovely bit of play appeared to have sealed victory for Chard but they were caught napping at the base of the scrum and Rob Hignett picked up and scored under the posts.

Stevens converted to seal the win. Chards only consolation was a losing bonus point.

Tomorrow Chard are away at Wadebridge. A coach will be going to the game and supporters are welcome.

Table (top)	Pld	Diff	Pts
Cleve	7	117	33
North Petherton	7	60	30
St Austell	7	124	27
Camborne	7	36	24
Hornets	7	79	20
CHARD	7	28	19
Bridgwater & Albion	7	51	18

SOMERSET DIVISION ONE

HORNETS 2NDS 56 CHARD 2NDS 7

IT was another difficult day for the 2nds but credit to skipper-for-the-day Phil Reynolds for managing to get his squad of 18 players together when faced with a big injury situation.

Chard 2nds are at home to Bristol side Imperial tomorrow, kick off 3pm on the main pitch.

*After a week off **Chard 3rds** return to action with a short trip to Martock tomorrow, kick-off 3pm.*

Table	Pld	Diff	Pts
Clevedon 2nds	7	114	30
Castle Cary	7	97	28
North Petherton 2nds	7	19	25
CREWKERNE	7	70	23
Midsomer Norton 2nds	7	23	13
Wellington 2nds	7	51	21
Imperial	7	-12	20
Bridgwater & Alb 2nds	7	30	19
Hornets 2nds	6	62	17
Yatton 2nds	7	11	16
Old Sulians	6	41	13
CHARD 2NDS	7	-209	5
Wells 2nds	7	-167	0
Old Redcliffians 3rds	7	-130	-10

horse racing

Buckler seeks change of fortune

BOB Buckler's stable has not really got up and running yet ***WRITES STUART BROOM.***

He will be looking for better luck this week when three horses are pencilled in to run for the first time this season, and another four for the second time.

*There was a good marker for **Tinker Time** at the weekend when Carningli, the horse that just held him off in a bumper at Ffos Las in April, won a very competitive bumper at Cheltenham at the weekend.*

The five-year-old who unfortunately brought the virus that severely affected the stable when he joined the Henley yard in January, is expected to have his first race over hurdles in one of two races at Chepstow on Saturday or alternatively at Wincanton on Sunday.

***Somerset Lias**, another horse Buckler has high hopes for, was expected to make his debut over hurdles as well in the 2m1f Greystone Novices' Hurdle at Exeter yesterday, where it is hoped that Lady Oaksey will keep her jockey in the saddle this time after her debut recently.*

***Mister Matt**, **Ballyegan** and **Redlynch Rock** will all look to improve on their first runs at Chepstow and Wincanton at the weekend.*

*Meanwhile, **The Happy Warrior** had an uncomfortable pipe-opener when he ripped a shoe off early in the 2¾ mile Bathwick Tyres Taunton Handicap Hurdle at Wincanton last week, and as a consequence finished well down the field.*

***Never Says Never** didn't help his cause in the 2¾ mile Bathwick Tyres Salisbury Maiden Hurdle on the same card by fighting very hard with jockey Sam Jones in the first part of the racnt in his first race.*

Pavilion development gets green light

SOMERSET County Cricket Club have been granted the go ahead with the next stage of the redevelopment of the County Ground and work will commence on Old Pavilion End at the close of the 2014 season.

A statement on the club's website confirmed that planning permission has been granted by Taunton Deane Borough Council and the Club is now starting the process of going out to tender.

The vast majority of the £3.8M needed to complete the project is already in place and Chief Executive Guy Lavender says that improving facilities is essential.

He said: "Since 2005 we have almost doubled our investment in the playing squad, which for a county with a non-international ground is remarkable. That has only been made possible by the ground developments that have already taken place."

Some Somerset fans have expressed fears that the new development is being primarily driven by a desire to stage international cricket at Taunton.

The Chief Executive said: "When you look at the design, almost everything that we have included is focused on domestic cricket.

What we have done is made sure the building meets the technical specifications for hosting one-day internationals, it would be madness not to do so because the additional costs are very modest.

The work will commence at the end of the 2014 season and will take around 10 months to complete.

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Glovers squander great chance

YEOVIL Town squandered a great chance to get their home form up and running with a below par performance against Brighton & Hove Albion at Huish Park last Saturday.

The Seagulls were two wins from automatic promotion to the Premiership last season but lost out in the play-offs to Crystal Palace.

However, they were there for the taking had the Glovers shown the form they have in all their home games so far, but with so many off their game, had to settle for a goalless draw.

Despite their lack of sparkle they still produced more goal scoring opportunities and once again the opposition's keeper has denied them. This time it was former Manchester United stopper Tomasz Kuszczak who pulled off four great saves.

At the other end Wayne Hennessey showed his international form with a great sharp save from Ashley Barnes' header, but was otherwise mainly untroubled.

The point was the first won at home which is a shame as an in-form Yeovil would have won all three, and whilst the point was useful, with Barnsley winning it dropped the Glovers to bottom spot.

As usual motor mouth Nathan Jones was on the touchline barking away, this time for Brighton, while as appears the custom this season, the referee Gary Sutton was poor.

Controversy surrounded manager Gary Johnson's team selection particularly his strike pair of Sam Hoskins and James Hayter. The lack of goals is the main reason for Yeovil's plight, for apart from Derby County, Middlesborough and Burnley all the other games have been low scoring and defeats have been by no more than a single goal.

As we all know the higher the standard, the less opportunities you get, and Yeovil have been unfortunate to meet some goalkeepers in top form; none more so that Robert Green who saved league leaders QPR from certain defeat with five stunning saves.

For the first time this season I heard unrest among the supporters about the team selection and rumours that the manager has fallen out with one or two players, whether this is true or not is not clear.

What I would say is that it is an anxious time for everyone associated with the club and I am sure Johnson is feeling the heat as much as anybody.

With his hands tied on budgets he is probably banging John Fry's door down asking for money for players to help stabilise the situation.

He brought in a new loan player Fraser Fyvie from Wigan and he looked impressive in the few minutes he was on the pitch until having to be substituted with a shoulder injury, and he could turn out to be hit.

Johnson says that his side are not retaining the ball well enough; I guess he means all over the pitch.

With the defence fairly solid and not conceding many, this leaves the midfield and forwards to consider.

I watched a fairly strong Yeovil side hit six past a Dorchester Town side that gave match experience to a number of young players.

Eight of them have had Championship minutes this season and as expected they created a huge number of chances during the match.

Although their shooting could have been better at times, and they were thwarted by Magpies' 'keeper Alan Walker-Harris who made a number of excellent saves, the likes of Paddy Madden, Andy Williams, who scored a hat-trick, and Sam Foley suggested they are in the mix with Hoskins and Hayter for strike roles.

I was also impressed by Joey Jones and Seth Twumasi, neither of whom have had a chance to perform in the Championship yet.

If money was available I would like Johnson to go for an experienced midfielder who could take charge and direct the play.

This week Nottingham Forest, including former Glover Chris Cohen, who is in outstanding form, visit Huish Park.

Another toughie, but they all are and with Leeds United and Wigan to follow nothing is going to be easy, but we knew that!

ON THE SPOT

Weekender Sport puts the questions to ***WINSHAM UNITED FC'S***

KELVIN CHARLES

Q How long have you been involved in local football? who have you played for?

A I have been involved in local football for about eight years playing for Merriott Rovers, Crewkerne Town, Hinton St George and Winsham United. I also passed my referee exams at the age of 12 and was interviewed at school by BBC points west programme!

Q Name the best three players you've played alongside, or seen, and why.

A The first player would have to be **Hung Dang** - very skilful, a great first touch and a good finisher. The second would be **Robert Steed** - passionate, great tackler and a fantastic football brain. The third is **Nathan Charles** (no relation!) - a brilliant goalkeeper who will throw himself at any striker's feet. Unfortunatley he's always breaking bones! But he's a fantastic shot stopper and commands his box.

Q What's the best away ground you've played at?

A As a player always love going to **Barrington**, the pitch is always perfect. As a referee I loved going to **Winsham** as everyone there makes you feel welcome and are supportive over any decisions made during a game. Afterwards there's always good banter in the club. That's a big reason I signed there.

Q Do any games stick in your memory?

A Playing for Crewkerne Town Reserves in a cup semi-final at Henhayes. We went in at half-time losing 3-0 after a shocking half. A few choice words were said and we came out fighting and won the game 4-3!

Q How would you improve things at local football level?

A As a referee I would stop youngsters watching football on TV. Hopefully then it would cut out the play acting and dissent. Also I would bring in unlimited substitutes so it would give youngsters more of a chance

Q What was the first professional match you watched live?

A I believe it was at Huish Park with my dad. It was England schoolboys v Scotland - a certain Michael Owen was playing.

Next: DARREN DABINETT

■ *IF you've played local football for a while, or are a retired player, and you fancy a crack at 'On the Spot' then email* ***howard@pemedia.co.uk***

As they stand

Toolstation D1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Bradford Town	13	40	37
Cribbs	15	11	27
Wellington	14	3	27
Shepton Mallet	13	17	26
Barnstaple Town	12	16	25
Wincanton Town	14	15	25
Calne Town	14	11	24
Welton Rovers	14	7	23
Wells City	13	5	21
Cheddar	14	-7	22
Almondsbury UWE	15	-8	21
CHARD TOWN (12th)	***15***	***-1***	***18***
Roman Glass	13	-4	17
Devizes Town	13	-7	17
Chippenham Park	14	-7	16
Westbury United	14	-9	15
Ashton & Backwell	10	-2	14
Corsham Town	12	-16	14
Oldland Abbotonians	14	-9	12
Warminster Town	14	-15	11
Portishead Town	13	-11	7
Keynsham Town	13	-29	4

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Nailsea Utd	11	14	28
Stockwood Green	13	4	24
Minehead	10	17	23
Clutton	10	12	22
Shirehampton	9	24	20
Fry Club	11	14	17
Watchet Town	9	1	16
Weston St Johns	11	0	16
Nailsea Town	10	-3	15
Bridgwater Town Res	10	-5	13
Cutters Friday	10	-6	13
Berrow	9	1	12
Langford Rovers	12	-7	11
ILMINSTER TOWN	***10***	***-3***	***10***
Yatton Athletic	12	-12	9
Street Res	10	-20	8
Bishops Lydeard	10	-10	7
Odd Down Res	11	-21	4

Somerset D2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
North Curry	10	17	22
Worle	11	7	22
Uphill Castle	9	18	19
Kewstoke Lions	11	6	19
Winscombe	9	9	17
Wells City Res	9	6	17
Cleeve West Town	7	10	15
Glastonbury	7	12	14
Portishead Town Res	9	5	14
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***10***	***7***	***13***
Nailsea Utd Res	9	-4	12
Churchill Club	9	-17	11
Staplegrove	7	-1	10
Burnham Utd Res	10	-17	10
Nailsea Town Res	9	-12	5
Cheddar Res	10	-19	4
Weston St Johns Res	12	-27	1

D&E Premier Div	Pld	+/-	Pts
Newtown	6	17	16
St Martins	5	24	15
Budleigh Salterton Res	8	-1	15
Feniton	5	19	13
Tiverton Town Res	7	15	13
Exeter Uni Res	4	4	10
Thorverton	5	-7	9
Seaton Town	6	-5	7
Willand Rovers Res	9	-8	6
CHARD TOWN RES	3	4	4
Topsham Town	7	-9	4
Clyst Valley	6	-14	3
Hatherleigh Town*	4	-4	2
Beer Albion	5	-13	2
Heavitree Utd	4	-22	0

** = points deducted*

PSDL

Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	5	12	13
Perry Street	4	13	9
Shepton Beauchamp	5	8	8
Lyme Regis	3	3	7
Millwey Rise	6	1	7
W&M Chinnock	4	1	7
Beaminster	3	2	6
Misterton	4	-3	4
Combe Res	4	-10	4
Ilminster Town Res	5	-8	3
Winsham Utd	5	-19	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
South Petherton	6	14	16
Lyme Regis Res	6	9	15
Perry Street Res	5	14	12
Farway Utd	6	5	10
Forton Rangers	5	5	9
Barrington	5	-3	5
Pymore	5	-7	4
Netherbury	6	-10	4
Uplyme	4	-6	2
Beaminster Res*	6	-19	-1

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Waytown Hounds	7	10	13
Luso-Chard*	7	8	13
Chard Utd	4	18	12
Thorncombe	5	14	12
Combe A	4	8	9
Crewkerne Rangers	5	0	7
Charmouth	5	-2	6
Dowlish & Donyatt	6	-3	5
Ilminster Town Colts	7	-18	5
Crewkerne Town Res	6	-18	0
South Petherton Res*	4	-17	-2

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington Res	6	13	15
Chard Utd Res	6	0	12
Drimpton	5	5	10
Lyme Regis Bantams	6	4	8
Hawkchurch Utd	5	2	7
Millwey Rise Res	5	1	7
Ilminster Town A	5	-4	6
Shepton Beau Res	4	0	4
Chard Rangers	5	-8	3
Winsham Utd Res	5	-13	3

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Kingsbury Episcopi	5	16	15
Merriott Dynamos	6	20	13
Thorncombe Res	5	10	13
Combe B	6	4	7
Misterton Res	4	-1	7
Hinton St George	6	-6	7
Forton Rangers Res	3	0	6
Farway Utd Res	6	-23	4
Uplyme Res*	4	1	2
Crewkerne Rang Res	4	-8	2
Chard Rangers Res	5	-13	0

** = Pts deducted*

football scores, results and news

Heavies antics cause early finish

Chard Town 1 Cheddar 2
Toolstation Division One
saturday, October 12th
Att: 27

CHARD, without Mark Scott who has departed for premier division Bridport, went into this game against Bristol side Cribbs with a changed defensive line up and did well to come away with a creditable draw against one of the division's leading teams.

The goal less first-half was an even affair with the both defences relatively untroubled.

The nearest either side came to a goal was a well-timed strike from Luke Finn which just skimmed the corner of the crossbar.

The interval brought a heavy downpour but the hosts' excellent playing surface stood up well.

After the restart home 'keeper Matt Turner pulled off a good double save to twice deny Sam Clark

Cribbs had the ball in the net on 53 minutes from a Simon Bone strike but the effort was ruled out as the ball was adjudged to have gone out of play in the build-up.

But Bone wasn't to be denied. He was on hand to volley the ball home just after the hour from eight yards to break the deadlock.

The Chard equaliser came seven minutes from time when substitute Ed Butcher saw his effort blocked and the rebound fell for Leigh Bailey to score from close range.

Afterwards Chard Manager Nik Flory was pleased with the point, he told *Weekender Sport*: "We could have sneaked all three at the end, but a fair result and a very entertaining game for the neutral - end-to-end stuff - some quality football and played with very high intensity but in a very good spirit.

Chard: Jason Hutchings, Adam Fricker (Ryan Parris 88), Darren Hutchings, Leigh Bailey, George Chlopecki Sam Spurway (Nathan Warren 75) Ben Haines, Mark Armstrong, Sam Clark, Luke Finn (Ed Butcher 75) Oscar Latis.

The Robins entertain Almondsbury UWE tomorrow kick off 3pm.

Andy Martin returns to the squad after his brother's wedding last Saturday, Squad: J.Hutchings, A.Fricker, D,Hutchings, L.Bailey, S.Spurway, B.Haines, A.Martin, G.Chlopecki, M.Armstrong, O.Latis, N.Warren, E.Butcher, S.Clark, L.Finn.

Somerset League

Nailsea Town 1
Ilminster Town 0

ILMINSTER Town continued their promising home form with a comfortable 3-0 win over Yatton in a Somerset Premier/division one cup-tie last Saturday.

Two Nick Whaites' goals either side of half-time put Ilminster in control and Charlie Rutter bagged a third 15 minutes from time.

The prize for Darren Manley's team is a last 16 home tie against division one outfit Westfield FC on November 16th.

The Blues entertain Langford Rovers at the Rec tomorrow. The two teams battled it out in a 3-3 draw in the reverse fixture earlier this month.

After weeks of inactivity **Combe St Nicholas** finally returned to action with a Somerset Division Two cup-tie at Portishead Reserves.

This proved to be a tough assignment for the Saints who went down 5-1 with Matt Brown scoring the consolation from the penalty spot..

Phil Loaring's troops have another tricky looking test ahead tomorrow when they turn their attention back to the league and a trip to face second placed Worle.

Devon & Exeter League

Chard Town Reserves A
Heavitree Utd A

CHARD Reserves' game with bottom-of-the-table Heavitree United at Zembard Lane was abandoned after 87 minutes on Saturday.

Heavitree were leading 2-1 at the time but persistent dissent among the visitors' ranks caused referee Paul Brown to call a premature end to proceedings.

Chard await the finding of the D&E league officials as to whether the result will stand or the game must be replayed.

The Reserves will attempt a end their three-game losing run at Hatherleigh Town tomorrow.

■ **CUP GOAL**: Charlie Rutter

Chard Town FC upcoming fixtures

(Toolstation Western League Division One 3pm kick-off unless stated).

October
26th v Almondsbury (H).

November
2nd v Bradford Town (A)
9th v Warminster Town (H)
16th v Chippenham Park (A)
23rd v Corsham Town (H)
30th v Calne Town (A)

December
7th v Wellington (H)
14th v Roman Glass (A)
21st v Westbury United (H)
26th v Wincanton Town (H)
28th v Shepton Mallet (A)

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe *ON THE*
PERRY STREET & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Big win double for Barrington

SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP

WITH all six remaining PSDL teams on the road in the second round of the Somerset Intermediate cup just three returned home with places safely booked in the last 32.

South Petherton, despite not being at their best, won 5-2 in wind swept Bristol against Imperial.

The hosts, boosted by the elements, took an early lead. But once Jody Bovey leveled Pethy never looked back.

Second-half strikes from Jordan Storey (2), Bovey again and goalkeeper Andy Moody – one bounce from his own box, saw Karl Diment's side ease to a 5-2 win.

It was tighter over at AFC Nailsea but a Dan Cahill strike saw **Barrington**, winners in 1939 and 1953, into the hat.

Forton Rangers travelled to Fry Club B with a side mainly containing reserve teamers but still clinched a 3-0 win with new signing from Ilminster Taylor Jefferson scoring twice.

Of the four that fell **Shepton Reserves** were the unluckiest going down 7-6 after extra-time at Glastonbury Reserves. Craig Lodge and Scott Barry both scored twice for Shepton.

Draw - round three (32): Worle Rangers v South Petherton, Barrington v Clutton Reserves, Morgainians v Forton Rangers (November 16th).

PREMIER

Beaminster 4 Ilminster Town Res 2

BEAMINSTER took the lead on the quarter-hour through Ben Ward only for Ilminster to level with an Ian Masters penalty after Paul Hardy had been scythed down.

But Beaminster responded well and struck twice before the break with Alex Stevenson and Josh Hunter netting.

Liam Ryall bagged his first Premier division goal to give the Blues, who had just the bare 11, hope. But Dan Pyett rounded off the scoring for the hosts to seal to win.

Combe Res p Lyme Regis p

COMBE Reserves' scheduled match with Lyme Regis was postponed at 9am on Saturday morning with the sloping Slades Cross pitch waterlogged.

Crewkerne Town 2 Misterton 1

CREWKERNE Town came from behind to maintain their four-point lead at the top of the Premier division.

Missy had thoughts of ending the Tigers' 14–game unbeaten run when Dan Peach gave them the lead in the 16th minute.

But the hosts' top-scorer Jamie Spurdle equalised before the interval and then, in the second-half, smashed a 30-yard free-kick into the top-corner for his 13th goal of the season.

Perry Street 4 W & M Chinnock 1

PERRY Street also continued their decent start to the season by bouncing back from conceding early on to bag another three points.

Jake Hayes opened the scoring and Mark Cawley squandered a couple of chances to add to the Chinnocks' tally.

Kieran Bailey and Braden Symes turned things around for the Mothers who led 2-1 at the interval and never looked back.

Harry Lemon and Liam Riste scored after the break.

Shepton Beauchamp 3 Millwey Rise 0

KRIS Hastings, Sam Murley and Doug Whitfield scored the goals as Shepton stretched their unbeaten run to five games while Millwey failed to score for the first time in 38 outings.

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

PERRY Street Reserves' perfect start in **division one** was halted by a 2-0 defeat at Lyme Regis Reserves who were fortunate to end the game with 11 men after 'keeper Will Meech clearly handled well out of his area in the first-half.

But veteran referee Bob Hall, nearing the end of his 'farewell tour' , was unsighted and Meech was reprieved.

Harry Hasiemowicz led the goalscoring stakes in **division two** with four in Chard United's 7-2 win over Crewkerne Town Reserves at Jocelyn Park.

There were goals aplenty too in the local-derby at the Rec where hosts Ilminster Colts fought back to claim a point after trailing to 3-0 at half-time against neighbours Dowlish & Donyatt.

Adam Whaites scored twice for the hosts with Adam Male doing likewise for Dowlish who trailed 4-3 with five minutes left.

Over at Seavington Igor Costa netted his 47th PSDL goal as Luso-Chard moved up to second with a 3-1 win over Charmouth.

These are tough times for South Petherton Reserves who are now without a home win in over a year following a 6-1 hammering by new leaders Waytown Hounds. James Connett netted the Pethy consolation.

■ **DOUBLE HAT-TRICK: Scott Jennings scored six times as Merriott Dynamos crushed Farway Res 10-0.**

A 5-0 win over second-placed Chard United Reserves has seen Barrington Reserves emerge as early promotion contenders in **division three**. Guy Dare scored a hat-trick and Gethyn Jenkins twice for the Yellow Hammers.

Drimpton also look a good bet. Ben Dickinson scored the opener before going off to hospital with a cut head-during the 2-1 win over Hawkchurch.

Not such a good day for Winsham United Reserves who scored two own goals in the 4-0 defeat against Lyme Bantams at the Woodroffe School while Ilminster A succumbed to a hat-trick from ex-Taunton Town striker Pete Knox as they were hammered 7-2 at Millwey Reserves.

No doubt about the star performer down in **division four**. Ex-Ilminster Town striker Scott Jennings scored six times for Merriott Dynamos in their 10-0 mauling of hosts Farway United Reseves.

But it's Kingsbury Episcopi who remain in pole position after Nigel Jefferys scored twice in the 3-0 win at still pointless Chard Rangers Reserves.

Over at Hinton Ross Jewell scored twice for the hosts in the 2-2 draw with Combe B.

Finally, Thorncombe Reserves' wait for a win at Unity Lane was extended to 10 seasons after a 0-0 draw with Misterton Reserves.

PREVIEW

IT'S big cup weekend ahead with quarter-finals being contended in the Coronation, Division One and John Fowler cup competitions.

Coronation holders Crewkerne Town entertain Ilminster Reserves but the tie of the round could be up at Brimgrove Lane where Shepton Beauchamp take on Misterton.

Matches over recent times have been tight between these teams and tomorrow should be no exception.

In the Division One cup holders Netherbury's grip on the trophy is sure to be tested by South Petherton who are now unbeaten in 11.

Back in the league West & Middle Chinnock could go second in the Premier with victory over bottom-of-the-table Winsham United at Oxleaze.

Elsewhere, with Thorncombe and Luso-Chard meeting at Horseshoe Lane Chard United look a good bet to return to the top of the division two table with a win at South Petherton Reserves.

RESULTS, October 19th
SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP
AFC Nailsea 0 Barrington 1
Fry Club B 3 Forton Rangers 0
Imperial 2 South Petherton 5
Martock Utd 6 Crewkerne Rangers 2
Cheddar Res 13 Chard Rangers 1
Glastonbury Res 7 Shepton Beau Res 6 (aet)
PREMIER
Beaminster 4 Ilminster Town Res 2
Crewkerne Town 2 Misterton 1
Perry Street 4 West & Middle Chinnock 1
Shepton Beauchamp 3 Millwey Rise 0
DIVISION ONE
Lyme Regis Res 2 Perry Street Res 0
Netherbury 1 Farway Utd 1
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd 7 Crewkerne Town Res 2
Combe A p Thorncombe p
Ilminster Town Colts 4 Dowlish & Donyatt 4
Luso-Chard 3 Charmouth 1
South Petherton Res 1 Waytown Hounds 6
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res 5 Chard Utd Res 0
Drimpton 2 Hawkchurch Utd 1
Lyme Bantams 4 Winsham Utd Res 0
Millwey Rise Res 7 Ilminster Town A 2
DIVION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res 0 Kingsbury Episcopi 3
Farway United Res 0 Merriott Dynamos 10
Hinton St George 2 Combe B 2
Misterton Res 0 Thorncombe Res 0

FIXTURES

Saturday, October 26th
(all 2.30pm ko unless stated)
CORONATION CUP QF (all 2pm)
Crewkerne Town v Ilminster Town Res
Lyme Regis v Beaminster
Millwey Rise v Combe Res
Shepton Beauchamp v Misterton
DIVISION ONE CUP R1 (all 2pm)
Barrington v Lyme Regis Res
Beaminster Res v Perry Street Res
Forton Rangers v Farway Utd
Netherbury v South Petherton
JOHN FOWLER CUP QF (all 2pm)
Chard Utd Res v Hawkchurch Utd
Drimpton v Lyme Regis Bantams
Ilminster Town A v Chard Rangers
PREMIER
West & Middle Chinnock v Winsham Utd
DIVISION TWO
Charmouth v Dowlish & Donyatt
Combe A v Crewkerne Town Res
Crewkerne Rangers v Ilminster Town Colts
South Petherton Res v Chard Utd
Thorncombe v Luso-Chard
DIVISION THREE
Winsham Res v Shepton Res
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Forton Res
Kingsbury v Crewk Rangers Res
Merriott D v Thorncombe Res
Misterton Res v Hinton St George
Uplyme Res v Combe B

● *THE Chard Hospital cup final between Ilminster Town Res and South Petherton will take place on Sunday, November 3rd at Thorncombe FC (2pm ko).*

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